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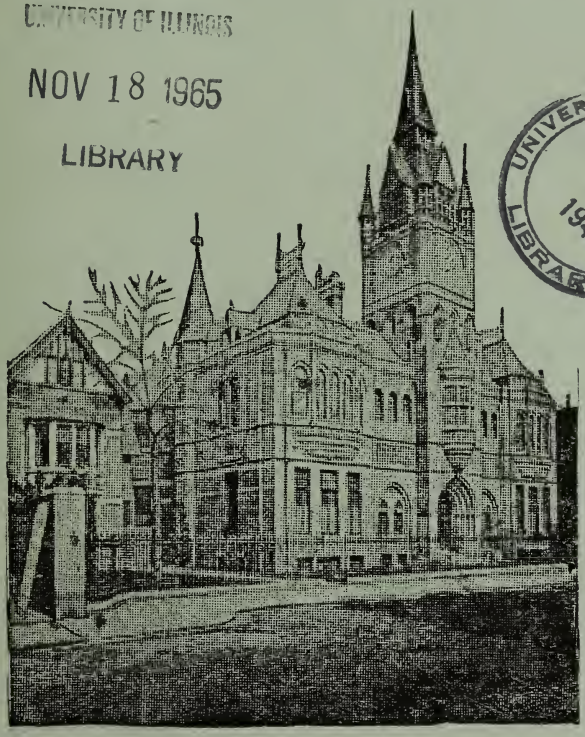

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OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY.

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List of Committees and Officials.

General Committee.

Mr. Councillor Joseph Hill, Mayor (*ex officio*).

Mr. Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., (*Chairman*).
,, ,, H. H. Bemrose, M.A., SC.D., J.P.
,, ,, Geo. Brigden.
,, Councillor J. Ferguson Bell.
,, ,, C. F. Druitt.
,, ,, Geo. Innes.
,, ,, O. Ling.

Mr. Councillor A. Mycroft.
,, ,, M. Prince.
,, ,, L. Russell.
,, ,, H. W. Surtees.
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,, H. M. Hobson, J.P.
,, C. B. Keene.
,, W. J. Piper, J.P.
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Dr. W. St. A. St. John (*Honorary Adviser*).

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,, ,, Chambers.
,, Councillor Ling.

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Mr. Councillor Surtees.
Colonel Buchanan.
Mr. Hobson.
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,, Thorpe.

Finance Sub-Committee.

Mr. Alderman Chambers (*Chairman*).
,, ,, Brigden.
,, Councillor Innes.

Mr. Councillor Ling.
,, ,, Russell.
,, Hobson.

Special Purposes Sub-Committee.

Mr. Alderman Chambers (*Chairman*).
,, ,, Bemrose.
Mr. Alderman Brigden.
Colonel Buchanan.

The Chairman is an *ex-officio* member of all Sub-Committees.

Director and Librarian.

Mr. W. H. Walton, F.L.A.

Curator.

Mr. F. Williamson.

Clerk:—Miss Ethel J. Crowther.

Assistant Librarians.

Mr. S. Laughton. Miss Lucy Thornton. Miss L. Panter.

Junior Assistants:—L. Hollingworth. H. Adcock.

Caretaker and Porter:—J. A. Hedley.

Assistant Attendant:—E. H. Gratton.

Art Gallery Attendant:—E. A. Smith.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF DERBY.

Forty-Fourth Annual Report

— OF THE —

PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUM,

— AND —

ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

The Forty-fourth Annual Report of your Committee will be found in an abridged form, most of the customary tables and acknowledgments being deleted from considerations of economy. The tabulated Summary and the Abstracts of Accounts are retained, from which it is hoped the activities of the Institution may be appreciated.

THE LIBRARY AND STAFF.

The **Statistical Returns** show a small falling off in the numbers of books lent for home reading during the past year, although an increase of borrowers is recorded. This is not surprising when allowance is made for the enthralling interest during these strenuous times of the records in the periodical press, the perusal of which naturally encroaches on the time normally given to more sustained reading. This fall in the issues is fairly uniform in the various sections of knowledge, the books in Braille for the use of the blind and those on Politics and Economics alone showing an increased demand. This last again is quite natural, and shows a laudable desire on the part of serious readers to acquaint themselves with the fundamental causes of the great struggle now proceeding between the different types of civilisation in Europe.

To the same cause, in the main, may be attributed the gratifying increase of the Reference Department issues. These issues, it may be noted, only indicate the activities of the Department, no record being practicable of the use made of the

Ready Reference shelf of some sixty volumes (irrespective of Guides and Directories), which can be consulted without formal application.

The erecting of the **Branch Libraries,** to be furnished complete to the residents of our ancient borough by the munificence of Mr. Carnegie, has made good progress during the current year and their externals are rapidly approaching completion. The Carnegie United Kingdom Trust have advanced the necessary payments as the work proceeded, about £6,000 having been paid over to date. It will still be some months before the fittings can be completed and the generous gift handed over in its entirety. Your Committee would here record their appreciation of the generosity of Alderman and Mrs. Chambers in adding to the benefactions of Mr. Carnegie a very acceptable one of their own for the London Road Branch, in the form of a four-dial turret Clock with 3 cwt. bell to strike the hour.

The **Extension** for the housing of the two libraries of **Derbyshire Books,** Staff Offices, and much needed Art Gallery and Storage accommodation, is also progressing rapidly. Your Committee would remind you that towards the total cost of this important extension a sum of over £2,000, in addition to the purchase money of the "Library," has been paid from the Bemrose Library Fund, raised by public subscription.

There has been no change in the constitution of your Committee during the past year.

In the death, last March, of Joseph Foley, for twenty-two years Art Gallery Attendant here, your Committee lost a conscientious and much valued servant. His post has been filled by Albert E. Smith, transferred from the Library and Museum staff, whose previous experience in handling works of art specially qualify him for the position. Ernest H. Gratton, who holds a Distinguished Conduct Medal, won in the present war, has been appointed to fill the vacancy thus caused.

THE MUSEUM.

During the year the Museum collections have received constant attention in classification and labelling. Stock and registration books have been prepared for the Museum and Art Gallery, in which have been entered all available particulars

of the various collections, and a card catalogue is in preparation for sections of the Museum which have not printed catalogues.

Additions by gift and purchase have been numerous, and donors have been suitably thanked. **Grants-in-aid** for the purchase of scientific objects have been received from the Board of Education through the Victoria and Albert Museum, and from the Derbyshire Education Committee.

Loans of stuffed specimens of birds and several cases of insects have been made to the Education Committee for use in schools.

Explanatory Labels have been placed in many of the exhibition cases, which help to make the objects more intelligible to the unscientific visitor. The labelling throughout the Museum is receiving attention to meet the requirements of ordinary persons and school children.

The **Wild Flower Table** has been maintained at its usual standard, and owing to the lack of voluntary help, the necessary collecting has been done by the staff.

The **British Birds** collection has been improved by the remounting of several species in groups illustrating the natural habits and habitats. This method is preferable to mounting on plain wooden stands, but takes up more space.

A type collection of **British Lepidoptera** has been arranged in a new cabinet, and spaces have been left to accommodate Derbyshire specimens. This is distinct from the series on exhibition for general use.

The **Medals** and **Coins** have been re-arranged and re-labelled, and two small cases prepared illustrating Derbyshire coins, medals, and tokens. A coin of Athelstan (A.D. 924–940), minted in Derby, has been added to the collection, as well as several interesting Derbyshire tokens.

The **Derbyshire Antiquities** have been re-labelled, and a large carved oak storey-post placed on exhibition.

The **Attendance** has been steadily maintained throughout the year, and is estimated to average three hundred a day, making a total of about 75,000 visitors per annum.

THE ART GALLERY.

Exhibitions have been held as follows :—

Autumn Exhibition of Oil Paintings, 28th October, 1914, to 30th January, 1915 ; 9,314 visitors.

Spring Exhibition of Water Colours, 24th February to 29th May, 1915 ; 12,723 visitors.

Summer Exhibition of Reproductions of Famous Paintings, Drawings, and Etchings, 16th June to 2nd October, 1915 ; 14,554 visitors.

In the **Autumn Exhibition** a special feature was made of war pictures, which proved of great interest under present circumstances. These included battle scenes on land and sea, ships of the Navy, portraits of well-known military men, and views in the war area of France and Flanders. The **Spring Exhibition** was probably the best collection of modern water colours ever exhibited in this gallery, and was very well attended. The **Summer Exhibition** of Reproductions consisted of 100 autotypes kindly lent by the Victoria and Albert Museum, with the addition of a number from our own collections. The exhibition was of considerable educational value, and on the whole was well attended.

Gifts and Bequests have been numerous and valuable, and a catalogue of the additions to the Ceramic section has been printed and is on sale to the public at 3*d.* per copy. In the absence of the usual list of donations, formal acknowledgment of all gifts received cannot be made, but some of the more important must be mentioned.

The **" Mundy " Collection** is the gift of Mrs. Emily G. Mundy, of Markeaton Hall, Derby, widow of the late F. Noel Mundy, Esq., and consists of a selection from the large collections at Markeaton. It comprises 57 pieces of china, 4 examples of enamel ware, 42 various curios, an ebony display table, and two museum show-cases of the South Kensington pattern.

The **" Bradshaw " Collection** was formerly in the possession of the Bradshaw family, of Barton Blount, Derbyshire. The last of the family, Miss Ellen Charlotte Bradshaw, died on the 18th March, 1915, and to her memory the collection of china was given by Miss Hardisty, of Buxton. It comprises 92

pieces of china, a chair and a cushion of local historical interest.

The **"Shaw" Collection** was bequeathed by the late Mrs. Emily Shaw, of 11, Vernon Street, Derby, who died on the 7th June, 1915, widow of the late William Turner Shaw, Esq., solicitor, of Derby. Mrs. Shaw also left the sum of £200 for the purchase of suitable cases. The collection consists of over 100 pieces of china, chiefly Crown Derby, and a number of specimens of Mason's ironstone china; also 10 water-colour drawings, all seascapes, by W. A. Knell, senr.

The **Permanent Collection** has been increased by the last mentioned items: an engraved portrait of Earl Curzon of Kedleston, presented by his Lordship; and an oil painting by H. L. Pratt, "A View of Derby Market Place about 1850."

Loans have been received from the Victoria and Albert Museum, as already mentioned, and pictures have been received for exhibition from the Corporations of Oldham and Nottingham, the Tate Gallery, and various private collectors and artists. Twelve pictures have been lent from the Permanent Collection to the Corporation of Burton-on-Trent for exhibition in their new Art Gallery.

The necessity for the present of a stringent economy and curtailment of expenditure which all recognise, has resulted in an unavoidable suspension for the time being of some of the schemes for promoting the wider service of the public which your Committee have in hand, but it is earnestly hoped this necessity is only of a temporary nature.

In conclusion, your Committee gladly record their appreciation of the conscientious care with which the staff discharges its duties, and the courteous and helpful services of the local Press.

On behalf of the Committee,

R. B. CHAMBERS,

Chairman.

October 28th, 1915.

Statistical Summary.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1914.	1915.
Lending Library Replacements ..	582	463
New Books	418	453
Total Books	25,202	25,685
Total Issues	167,272	158,238
Average Daily Issues	642	605
Turnover of each Volume	6.6	6.1
Reference Library :—		
New Books	270	243
Total Books	11,572	11,815
Total Issues	9,537	11,182
Average Daily Issues	33	39
Overdue Books written for	1,219	1,159
Books Re-bound (460), Repaired, etc. (2,091)	3,415	2,551
New Borrowers :—		
Male, 831 . } Female, 797 . }	1,945	1,628
Total Borrowers	6,600	7,000

GENERAL DATA.

Population (estimated to June, 1914)	126,389.
Rateable Value (March, 1915)	£543,070.
Amount of Rate levied	One Penny.
Amount produced by Rate..	£2,150.
Library Stock	29.67 per cent. of Population.

DERBY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.—Abstract of Accounts, Year ending March 31st, 1915.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward				473	10	3
Acknowledgments				0	3	6
Library Rates—	£	s.	d.			
Quarter ended June 24th, 1914	537	10	0			
,, ,, Sept. 29th, ,, ...	537	10	0			
,, ,, Dec. 25th, ,, ...	537	10	0			
,, ,, March 25th, 1915	537	10	0			
				2,150	0	0
				£2,623	13	9

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs and Alterations				6	14	5
Salaries and Wages—						
Staff	526	4	4			
Porters and Cleaners	222	2	8			
				748	7	0
Library Account—						
New Books	265	2	0			
Binding and Repairs	44	6	9			
Printing	10	14	10			
Rent of "Patent" Stores and Insurance ...	30	9	3			
Wages of Bookbinder, etc.	82	3	8			
Sundries	12	10	9			
	445	7	3			
Less—Fines, Catalogues, etc.	63	7	10			
				381	19	5
Reading and News Rooms—						
Periodicals, Newspapers, etc.	120	15	1			
Less—Sale of old Periodicals	4	13	4			
				116	1	9
Museum—						
Purchase of Specimens, etc.	26	2	9			
Honorarium to Assistant	10	0	0			
Salary of Curator (share of)	119	15	6			
				155	18	3
Establishment Charges—						
Fuel, Light and Cleaning	213	16	7			
Rates and Insurance	89	7	10			
Printing and Stationery	50	16	10			
Attendants' Uniforms	8	0	0			
Electric Fittings and Repairs	19	14	6			
Garden Seeds, Plants, etc.	3	4	0			
Gratuity to G. Pullen	20	0	0			
Sundries	50	3	7			
				455	3	4
Arboretum Reading Room—						
Wages	15	12	0			
Fuel and Light	24	16	0			
Newspapers and Magazines	29	14	6			
Rent	10	0	0			
Sundries	2	13	5			
				82	15	11
Bankers' Charges	...		...	0	4	1
Balance carried forward, being amount in hand, March 31st, 1915	...		...	676	9	7
				£2,623	13	9

DERBY CORPORATION ART GALLERY.—Abstract of Accounts, Year ending March 31st, 1915.

	£	s.	d.
Turnstile Receipts	7	13	0
Commission on Picture Sales	6	16	8
Rents Receivable	102	14	5
Transferred from General District Fund (Museum Rate) ...	668	3	10
	£785	7	11

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages				167	15	4
Collection and Carriage of Pictures and Loan Exhibits ...				200	9	5
Establishment Charges—						
Fuel, Light and Water	34	14	1			
Printing, Stationery and Advertising ...	49	4	4			
Printing Catalogues (*Less* Sales and Advertisements)	2	11	10			
Insurance and Rates	89	0	6			
Framing Pictures, etc.	3	15	6			
Objects purchased	15	0	0			
Furniture, etc.	9	18	11			
Sundries	45	14	7			
				249	19	9
Repairs and Alterations to Premises				10	19	1
Interest on Loans				120	18	0
Repayment of Loans				35	1	0
Bankers' Charges				0	5	4
				£785	7	11

NOTE.—The total amount expended for the Art Gallery Extension (Purchase of Property and Costs) was £3580 18s. 1d. *The amount outstanding on March* 31*st*, 1915, *was* £3238 4s. 6d.

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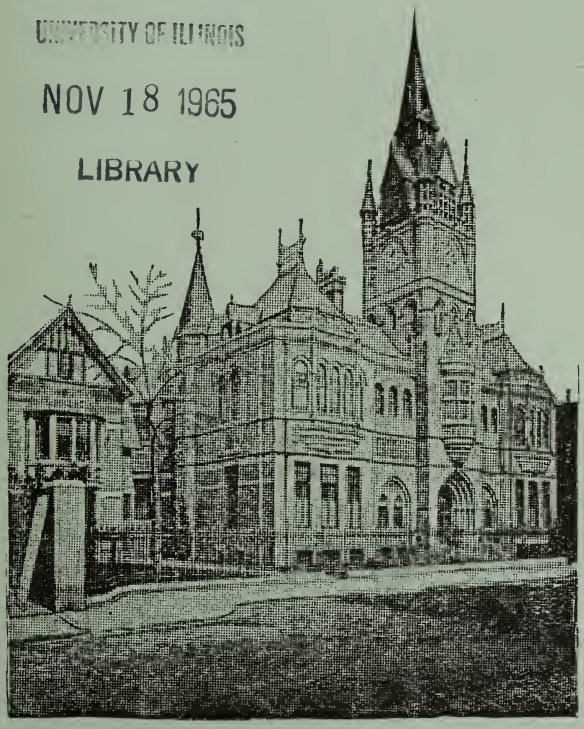

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Mr. Thorpe.

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Special Purposes Sub-Committee.

Mr. Alderman CHAMBERS (*Chairman*).
,, ,, BRIGDEN.
Mr. Councillor DRUITT.
,, ,, SURTEES.

The Chairman is an *ex-officio* member of all Sub-Committees.

Director and Librarian.

Mr. W. H. WALTON, F.L.A.

Curator.

Mr. F. WILLIAMSON (on Military Service).

COUNTY BOROUGH OF DERBY.

Forty-Fifth Annual Report

— OF THE —

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ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

THE Forty-fifth Annual Report of your Committee will again be found in an abridged form, a continued necessity for strict economy compelling the omission of the customary tables and acknowledgments. The tabulated Summary and the Abstract of Accounts will, it is hoped, suffice to indicate the activities of the Institution during the past year.

THE LIBRARY AND STAFF.

The **Statistical Returns** show a slight decline in the number of works issued for home reading, which is not surprising when we take into consideration the large number of readers removed from the Borough on military service, the diminished leisure of those who remain, and the fact that the purchase of new books by your Committee has been reduced to a minimum. Most of the new volumes shown in the Comparative Returns are composed of bound magazines or periodical issues, and donations. The fall in issues is fairly uniform; but there is a gratifying increase in the use of books in Braille for the blind (392, as against 283 last year), in the Juvenile section, in Natural History, and in Poetry. The greater interest in poetry thr ughout the country, apparently the result of the great struggle in which Western civilisation is involved, is noteworthy.

The average issue in the Reference Department remains unchanged from last year; increases in the Local and Patent sections being set off by a slight decline elsewhere. The lighting regulations doubtless account for a reduction in the number of evening borrowers. It may be desirable to repeat that the issues recorded do not measure, but only indicate, the activities of this department, a large number of volumes being accessible for ready reference without formal application.

The building and fitting of the two **Branch Libraries** at Alvaston and Pear Tree respectively, which the Borough owes to the munificence of Mr. Carnegie, are practically complete, and their **Reading Rooms** were opened for the public use by His Worship the Mayor (Councillor Albert Green) on 17th May. It will be remembered that these generous gifts were made on condition of a full supply and maintenance being undertaken by the Corporation, which undertaking was duly made; but owing to the unforeseen financial stringency due to the present war, your Committee has sought and obtained permission from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust to hold over the Library equipment, with the necessary staff, for the duration of the war, subject to the unexpended rate being credited for the purpose for which it is levied, and available when the time for proceeding arrives. The Committee much regret this temporary suspension of their schemes for the extended Library service of the Borough, but feel that under the present very exceptional circumstances they have no alternative. Your Committee here record their appreciation of the kindness of Sir Thomas Roe, M.P., in presenting a turret clock to the Pear Tree Branch Library, in friendly emulation of the generosity of Alderman and Mrs. Chambers to Alvaston, already recorded.

The **Extension** of the Central Institution for the accommodation of the Libraries of Local Books, Staff and Art Gallery expansion, is out of the builders' hands; but here, again, a rigid economy necessitates the suspension of the supply of fittings, etc., which will prevent the public use of the additions for the present. Rough temporary shelving, including some kindly lent by the Sir H. H. Bemrose Trustees, has been set up, and the "Bemrose Library" transferred to these premises. This and other storage economies will enable your Committee to

save annually some £82 rent charges, hitherto necessary for external accommodation.

Your Committee have suffered a severe loss in the death (on September 14th) of Colonel A. Buchanan, who was elected a member of the original Committee in 1871 and for nearly thirty years was Chairman of the Book Sub-Committee. A wide reader and a most regular visitor, his interest in and devotion to the Institution throughout a period of forty-five years were conspicuous, and his unfailing courtesy and tact endeared him to all, colleagues and staff alike. The vacancy thus caused has been filled by the appointment of Dr. W. St. A. St. John, who for the past three years has rendered valuable help to the Museum Sub-Committee as honorary adviser.

Your eligible male staff all attested or volunteered last year for **Military Service**, and in April J. A. Hedley was called up, E. A. Smith following in July, and the Curator, Mr. Williamson, in September. The Attendants have been replaced by A. Stone and T. Fieldhouse (a wounded ex-soldier), and the Curator's duties will be temporarily carried on by Mr. Walton.

THE MUSEUM.

The cleaning, classification, and labelling of the collections in the Museum have been continued during the past year, and much satisfactory work done. The **Birds' Nests,** skulls, and breast-bones have been relabelled, remounted, and supplemented ; the exhibition series of Lepidoptera cleaned and overhauled. A cabinet collection of **Flint Implements** has been made and arranged, and a selection of types for the open cases got together, making a good representative collection of the various stages in the mental development of primitive man. A further frame of coins has been mounted, and practically the whole of the collections are now named ; and Mr. Williamson is particularly to be congratulated on the numerous accurate, yet popular, descriptive labels which add so much to the interest of the exhibits for the ordinary intelligent visitor.

The **Wild Flower Table** has continued to be a source of interest, and has been maintained by the staff ; voluntary help is much appreciated, but lacks the necessary regularity.

Detailed acknowledgments here of gifts are unavoidably withheld, though your Committee invariably records and thanks donors for their contributions at the time of acceptance. The following exceptional gifts may be noted :—

A portion of the late Lord Avebury's Ethnographical collections "Primitive Man," from the Trustees of the British Museum ; 29 stuffed birds and bird skins from Mrs. C. E. Meade Waldo, Wirksworth ; local entomological specimens from Mr. H. C. Hayward, Repton, and Dr. St. John.

THE ART GALLERY.

Exhibitions have been held as follows :—

Autumn Exhibition of Oil Paintings, 20th October, 1915, to 29th January, 1916 ; 12,579 visitors.

Permanent Collection, 21st February to 15th July, 1916 ; 12,891 visitors.

Derby Sketching Club, 24th July to 19th August, 1916 ; 7,748 visitors.

Design and Workmanship in Printing, in conjunction with the Design and Industries Association, 30th August to 16th October, 1916 ; 7,779 visitors.

The outstanding features of the **Autumn Exhibition** were a striking and characteristic selection from the work of Mr. Tom Mostyn, numbering 33 examples ; and some 40 frames of Belgian work, kindly selected, as representative examples, by M. Paul Lambotte, Director of Fine Arts for Belgium. At the conclusion of this exhibition your Committee, in consideration of the difficulties and risks of collection, decided not to hold another general loan exhibition for the present, and the best of the permanent collection, which had not been seen as a whole for years, were placed on view. In July, the use of the Art Gallery was granted to the members of the Derby Sketching Club, who provided a very pleasing exhibition ; and your Committee believe this action gave much satisfaction to local art lovers. The Design and Workmanship in Printing Exhibition was an effort to improve

general taste and to encourage the application of artistic principles to the objects of ordinary business processes; and here again your Committee feel assured their efforts have not lacked appreciation.

The unique collection of local and other porcelain, with other objects of decorative art, continues to draw visitors from far and wide, the several important benefactions of last year naturally having considerably added to its attraction; and in this connection your Committee bear appreciative testimony to the continued kind interest taken in the Institution by Mrs. Mundy, of Markeaton, who is desirous of adding still further to her benefactions.

It may be repeated that the necessity for a stringent economy and reduction of expenditure has inevitably restricted your Committee's opportunities for the wider service of the public, but it is hoped this necessity will disappear at an early date, and permit of that expansion in all their various services to which they have looked forward so earnestly.

In conclusion, your Committee gladly pay their tribute of appreciation of the conscientious and careful manner in which the staff discharges its duties, and of the courteous and helpful services of the local Press.

On behalf of the Committee,

R. B. CHAMBERS,

Chairman.

26th October, 1916.

General Summary.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1915.	1916.
Lending Library Replacements ..	463	147
New Books	453	253
Total Books	25,685	25,675
Total Issues	158,238	151,798
Average Daily Issues	605	577
Turnover of each Volume	6.1	6.0
Reference Library :—		
New Books	243	191
Total Books	11,815	12,006
Total Issues	11,182	11,218
Average Daily Issues	39	39
Overdue Books written for	1,159	1,280
Books Re-bound (402), Repaired, etc. (1,586)	2,551	1,988
New Borrowers :—		
Male, 993 . } Female, 892 . }	1,628	1,885
Total Borrowers	7,000	7,000

GENERAL DATA.

Population (estimated to April, 1916)	119,072.
Rateable Value (March, 1916)	£568,617.
Amount of Rate levied	1½d. *
Amount produced by Rate..	£3,324.
Library Stock	31.64 per cent. of Population.

* The extra ½d. is levied for the Branch Libraries, but not to be expended for the duration of the war.

DERBY CORPORATION ART GALLERY.—Abstract of Accounts, Year ending March 31st, 1916.

	£	s.	d.
Turnstile Receipts	7	0	2
Rents Receivable	104	5	6
Transferred from General District Fund (Museum Rate) ...	675	9	8
	£786	15	4

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages				173	18	5
Collection and Carriage of Pictures and Loan Exhibits ...				103	7	5
Establishment Charges—						
Fuel, Light and Water	37	17	2			
Printing, Stationery and Advertising ...	15	3	2			
Printing Catalogues (*Less* Sales and Advertisements)	19	9	11			
Insurance and Rates	131	0	7			
Gratuity to Mrs. Foley	10	10	0			
Objects purchased	6	0	0			
Furniture, etc.	7	0	3			
Sundries	33	4	8			
				260	5	9
Repairs and Alterations to Premises				38	4	11
Interest on Loans				139	0	8
Repayment of Loans				71	9	2
Bankers' Charges				0	9	0
				£786	15	4

NOTE.—The total amount expended for the Art Gallery Extension is £4,283 9s. 9d.
The amount outstanding on March 31st, 1916, was £3,878 16s. 7d.

DERBY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.—Abstract of Accounts, Year ending March 31st, 1916.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward				676	9	7
Rents and Acknowledgments				1	6	0
Library Rates—	£	s.	d.			
Quarter ended June 24th, 1915						
,, ,, Sept. 29th, ,, ...						
,, ,, Dec. 25th, ,, ...						
,, ,, March 25th. 1916						
				3,324	0	0
				£4,001	15	7

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs and Alterations				84	2	3
Salaries and Wages—						
Staff	532	1	8			
Porters and Cleaners	144	4	7			
Library Account—				676	6	3
New Books	134	13	7			
Binding and Repairs	91	9	2			
Printing	23	7	3			
Rent of "Patent" Stores and Insurance ...	30	9	3			
Wages of Bookbinder, etc.	13	13	10			
Sundries	10	17	4			
	304	10	5			
Less—Fines, Catalogues, etc.	68	3	6			
Reading and News Rooms—				236	6	11
Periodicals, Newspapers, etc.	121	5	5			
Less—Sale of old Periodicals	4	14	9			
Museum—				116	10	8
Purchase of Specimens, etc.	35	5	11			
Insurances	13	7	10			
Salary of Curator (share of)	133	6	8			
Establishment Charges—				182	0	5
Fuel, Light and Cleaning	206	16	6			
Rent, Rates and Insurance	127	18	8			
Printing and Stationery	24	8	10			
Attendants' Uniforms	8	15	0			
Electric Fittings and Repairs	18	11	8			
Sundries	50	15	2			
Arboretum Reading Room—				437	5	10
Wages	15	12	0			
Fuel and Light	27	14	0			
Newspapers and Magazines	33	7	2			
Rent	10	0	0			
Sundries	4	15	2			
				91	8	4
Interest on Loans	...		...	16	3	10
Mortgages Repaid	...		...	59	4	3
Bankers' Charges	...		...	9	4	9
Balance carried forward, being amount in hand, March 31st, 1916	...		...	2,093	2	1
				£4,001	15	7

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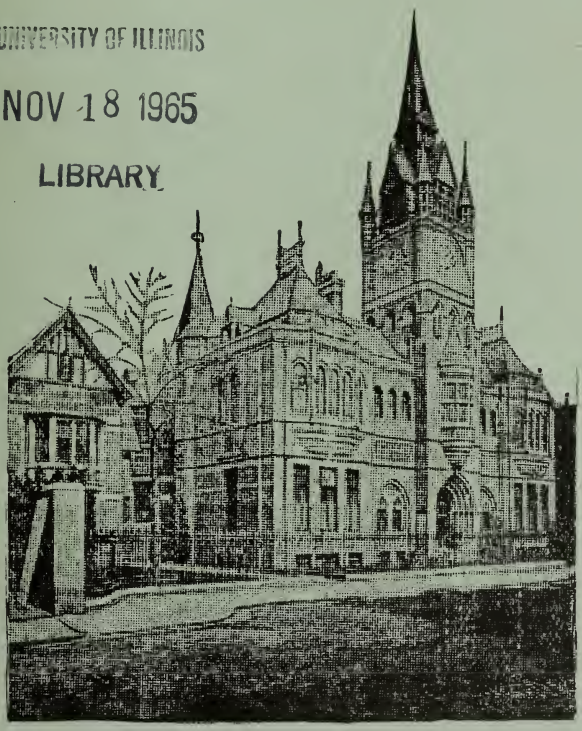

Presented to the Town Council, November 9th, 1917.

J. Harwood, Printer, Derby.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF DERBY.

Forty-Sixth Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY.

Presented to the Town Council, November 9th, 1917.

DERBY:
JAMES HARWOOD, PRINTER, DERWENT BUILDINGS, DERWENT STREET.
1917.

List of Committees and Officials.

General Committee.

Mr. Alderman H. J. Bonas, Mayor (*ex-officio*).

Mr. Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P. (*Chairman*).
,, ,, H. H. Bemrose, M.A., SC.D, J.P.
,, ,, Geo. Brigden, J.P.
,, Councillor J. Ferguson Bell.
,, ,, C. F. Druitt.
,, ,, Geo. Innes.
,, ,, W. H. M. Marsden.
Mr. Councillor A. Mycroft.
,, ,, M. Prince.
,, ,, L. Russell, J.P.
,, ,, H. W. Surtees.
,, H. M. Hobson, J.P.
,, C. B. Keene.
,, W. J. Piper, J.P.
Dr. W. St. A. St. John.
Mr. T. H. Thorpe, F.R.I.B.A.

Art Gallery Sub-Committee.

Mr. Thorpe (*Chairman*).
,, Alderman Brigden.
,, ,, Chambers.
,, Councillor Bell.
,, ,, Prince.
Mr. Councillor Russell.
,, ,, Surtees
,, Keene.
Dr. W. St. A. St. John.

Museum Sub-Committee.

Mr. Councillor Druitt (*Chairman*).
,, Alderman Bemrose.
,, ,, Chambers.
Mr. Councillor Marsden.
,, ,, Mycroft.
,, ,, Surtees.
Dr. W. St. A. St. John.

Library Sub-Committee.

Mr. Councillor Surtees (*Chairman*).
,, Alderman Bemrose.
,, ,, Brigden.
,, ,, Chambers.
,, Councillor Bell.
Mr. Councillor Marsden.
,, ,, Mycroft.
,, ,, Prince.
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,, Piper.

Building Sub-Committee.

Mr. Alderman Chambers (*Chairman*).
,, ,, Brigden.
,, Councillor Bell.
,, ,, Druitt.
,, ,, Innes
Mr. Councillor Surtees.
,, ,, Russell.
,, Hobson.
,, Keene.
,, Mr. Thorpe.

Finance Sub-Committee.

Mr. Councillor Innes (*Chairman*).
,, Alderman Brigden.
,, ,, Chambers.
Mr. Councillor Prince.
,, ,, Russell.
,, Hobson.

Special Purposes Sub-Committee.

Mr. Alderman Chambers (*Chairman*). Mr. Councillor Innes.
,, Councillor Druitt. ,, ,, Surtees.
Mr. T. H. Thorpe.

The Chairman is an *ex-officio* member of all Sub-Committees.

Director and Librarian.

Mr. W. H. Walton F.L.A.

Curator.

Mr. F. Williamson (on Military Service).

COUNTY BOROUGH OF DERBY.

Forty-Sixth Annual Report

— OF THE —

PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUM,

— AND —

ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

The Forty-sixth Annual Report of your Committee appears in the abridged form of the past two years, economy necessitating the omission of the customary tables and acknowledgments. The tabulated Summary and the Abstract of Accounts will, it is hoped, suffice to indicate the activities of the Institution during the past year.

THE LIBRARY AND STAFF.

The **Statistical Returns** would show a decline, slight, but uniform, in the number of works issued for home reading, averaging about 32 daily, were the fall not counterbalanced by the continued and hitherto unparalleled increase in the demand for Juvenile Literature. This Children's Department has issued 37,396 vols. during the year—an increase of about 50 per cent. on the previous period, which itself had shown an advance on preceding issues. The decline in the number of adult readers is readily explained by the call made on the population, men and women alike, for direct or subsidiary military service. The demand for Juvenile reading is highly satisfactory, but is rapidly

rising to the limit of your Committee's present accommodation. Owing to the partial suspension of the purchase of new books in the endeavour to keep down expenditure, and the curtailing of replacements of those volumes worn out, there is a slight decrease in the Lending Library stock—a depletion which only necessity can justify.

There is an increase of 400 issues in the Reference Department, mainly in the History and Patent sections, in addition to the unrecorded use of volumes accessible for ready reference without application.

The **Building and Fitting** of the two **Branch Libraries** at Alvaston and Peartree have been completed, except for the lighting. The last instalment of the £10,000 granted by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust has been received, and your Committee would again express their appreciation of this munificent gift. At the Alvaston Branch the Medical Officer of Health holds weekly meetings on the subject of Child Nurture; while at Peartree the whole building, except the Reading Room and a small workroom adapted for the Caretaker, is in the hands of the Military Authorities for the Medical Examination of recruits. The Committee have also fitted and handed over a room at the Central extension to the War Savings Committee; the ground at the Peartree Branch has been converted into allotments for food-production.

The only change on your Committee during the past twelve months has been the appointment of Councillor W. H. M. Marsden in place of Councillor Ling, resigned.

All your eligible male staff are now on Military Service, Mr. Laughton, the Senior assistant (who twice volunteered earlier in the war), having been called up in January last. Mr. Williamson, having attained to sergeant's rank, is now a cadet, training for a commission. The Committee's best wishes go out to these members of their staff.

THE MUSEUM.

In the Museum small but important additions and rearrangements in the Ornithological sections have been made; a collection of **Palæolithic Implements,** presented by Dr. Barrett, and an interesting local relic, the microscope of a famous resident, Dr. Erasmus Darwin, F.R.S., the gift of Miss C. M. Longdon, have been placed on view. Several of the less common **Local Birds,** given by Mr. E. Grindy, the Rev. C. J. Boden, and others; **Local Entomological Specimens** by Dr. St. John; old **Watch Movements** by the Trustees of the Victoria and Albert Museum, and **Medals** by Mr. Thorpe and the Deputy Master of the Mint, should also be noted.

THE ART GALLERY.

Exhibition : Derby Sketching Club, July 23rd to September 17th, 1917 : 9,572 visitors.

Total visitors for the year ending October, 1917 : 29,185.

For reasons already stated in their last Report your Committee have suspended for the present the ordinary sequence of loan exhibitions, but they again placed a portion of the Art Gallery at the service of the Derby Sketching Club, and an exhibition of the work of their members supplied an interesting and popular attraction during the summer.

The Hanging Sub-Committee have arranged in the new gallery a selection of pictures by distinguished artists of a past generation, taken from the permanent collection and the valuable loans on deposit, and they have no hesitation in claiming that some of the items here shown make the exhibition of more than local importance. They need only instance the fine examples of our greatest local artist, " Wright of Derby," and the valuable pictures kindly lent by Sir H. Gordon Ley, Bart.

They have also to acknowledge the very acceptable bequest of 12 pictures by the late Mr. W. Richardson, J.P., others from

Mr. S. Sherwin and Miss C. M. Longdon, the latter having given also some fine old glass and other items ; Mr. Charles Holme's **Bust of Herbert Spencer,** modelled by Sir Edgar Boehm, A.R.A. ; Mrs. Mundy's gifts of personal jewellery (over 50 pieces), portrait, and other material indications of her active and generous interest ; and Mr. Piazzani's instructive and charming examples of old **Beadwork.** They must also note the four fine pictures already referred to, in addition to other articles of virtu kindly lent by Sir Gordon Ley, Bart. Details of all the generous donations and loans received cannot be given here, but for all the Committee record their hearty appreciation.

The passing year has in no way relaxed the insistent necessity of a stringent control of expenditure—a necessity which unavoidably prevents any considerable extension for the present of the services of the Institution. Your Committee can only hope that the time is not far distant when the worst of their disabilities will be removed.

In conclusion, your Committee gladly testify to the conscientious and careful manner in which the staff fulfil their duties, with a special word of approbation for their Chief Official, carrying on under most difficult conditions. They also make the customary acknowledgments for the courteous help of the local Press.

On behalf of the Committee,

R. B. CHAMBERS,

Chairman.

October 25th, 1917.

General Summary.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1916.	1917.
Lending Library Replacements ..	147	308
New Books	253	142
Total Books	25,675	25,579
Total Issues	151,798	155,598
Average Daily Issues	577	590
Turnover of each Volume	6.0	6.0
Reference Library :—		
New Books	191	237
Total Books	12,006	12,243
Total Issues	11,218	11,604
Average Daily Issues	39	40
Overdue Books written for	1,280	1,366
Books Re-bound (336), Repaired, etc. (2,953)	1,988	3,289
New Borrowers :—		
Male, 1,104 . } Female, 1,137 . }	1,885	2,241
Total Borrowers	7,000	7,000

GENERAL DATA.

Population (estimated to April, 1917)	127,327.
Rateable Value (March, 1917)	£573,300.
Amount of Rate levied	1½d. *
Library Stock	29.63 per cent. of Population.

* The extra ½d. is levied for the Branch Libraries, but not to be expended for the duration of the war.

DERBY CORPORATION ART GALLERY.—Abstract of Accounts, Year ending March 31st, 1917.

	£	s.	d.
Rents Receivable	103	6	3
Transferred from General District Fund (Museum Rate) ...	539	17	1
	£643	3	4

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages				176	18	8
Collection and Carriage of Pictures and Loan Exhibits ...				8	12	11
Establishment Charges—						
Fuel, Light and Water	25	8	9			
Printing, Stationery and Advertising ...	14	6	9			
Insurance and Rates	111	2	10			
Furniture Repairs, Restoring Pictures, etc.	23	0	5			
Sundries	39	14	9			
				213	13	6
Repairs and Alterations to Premises				15	14	3
Interest on Loans				154	9	0
Repayment of Loans				73	7	0
Bankers' Charges				0	8	0
				£643	3	4

NOTE.—The total amount expended for the Art Gallery Extension is £4,646 13s. 1d.
The amount outstanding on March 31st, 1917, was £4,178 3s. 0d.

DERBY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.—Abstract of Accounts, Year ending March 31st, 1917.

	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward	2,093	2	1
Acknowledgments	0	3	6
Library Rates	2,530	0	0
Bankers' Interest *less* Charges...	55	3	8
	£4,678	9	3

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs and Alterations				16	15	11
Salaries and Wages—						
Staff	559	1	9			
Porters and Cleaners	163	19	8			
				723	1	5
Library Account—						
New Books	152	19	4			
Binding and Repairs	64	7	2			
Printing	24	2	1			
Rent of "Patent" Stores	7	10	0			
Sundries	4	14	8			
	253	13	3			
Less—Fines, Catalogues, etc.	72	7	4			
				181	5	11
Reading and News Rooms—						
Periodicals, Newspapers, etc.	116	13	4			
Less—Sale of old Periodicals	10	4	6			
				106	8	10
Museum—						
Purchase of Specimens, etc.	18	18	11			
Insurances	16	6	10			
Salary of Curator (share of)	30	17	8			
				66	3	5
Establishment Charges—						
Fuel, Light and Cleaning	207	0	11			
Rent, Rates and Insurance	68	5	3			
Printing and Stationery	34	12	5			
Attendants' Uniforms	5	13	10			
Electric Fittings and Repairs	23	17	0			
Sundries	47	19	5			
				387	8	10
Arboretum Reading Room—						
Wages	15	12	0			
Fuel and Light	25	6	3			
Newspapers and Magazines	33	4	3			
Rent	10	0	0			
Sundries	1	18	8			
				86	1	2
Pear Tree Branch	...		...	129	16	0
Alvaston Branch...	...		...	136	6	9
War Bonus to Employees	...		...	25	18	10
Allowances to Staff serving with H.M. Forces	...		...	41	11	0
Interest on Loans	...		...	51	7	2
Mortgages Repaid	...		...	60	19	9
Balance carried forward, being amount in hand, March 31st, 1917	...		...	2,665	4	3
				£4,678	9	3

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FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Public Library, Museum,

AND

Art Gallery Committee.

Presented to the Town Council, November 9th, 1918.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF DERBY.

Forty-Seventh Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY.

Presented to the Town Council, November 9th. 1918.

DERBY:
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List of Committees and Officials.

General Committee.

Mr. Councillor E. J. Hulse, Mayor (*ex-officio*).

Mr. Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P. (*Chairman*).
,, ,, H. H. Bemrose, M.A., SC.D, J.P.
,, ,, Geo. Brigden, J.P.
,, Councillor J. Ferguson Bell.
,, ,, C. F. Druitt.
,, ,, Geo. Innes.
,, ,, W. H. M. Marsden.

Mr. Councillor A. Mycroft.
,, ,, M. Prince.
,, ,, L. Russell, J.P.
,, ,, H. W. Surtees.
,, H. M. Hobson, J.P.
,, C. B. Keene.
✠ ,, W. J. Piper, J.P.
Dr. W. St. A. St. John.
Mr. T. H. Thorpe, F.R.I.B.A.

Art Gallery Sub-Committee.

Mr. Thorpe (*Chairman*).
,, Alderman Brigden.
,, ,, Chambers.
,, Councillor Bell.
,, ,, Prince.

Mr. Councillor Russell.
,, ,, Surtees
,, Keene.
Dr. W. St. A. St. John.

Museum Sub-Committee.

Mr. Councillor Druitt (*Chairman*).
,, Alderman Bemrose.
,, ,, Chambers.

Mr. Councillor Marsden.
,, ,, Mycroft.
,, ,, Surtees.

Dr. W. St. A. St. John.

Library Sub-Committee.

Mr. Councillor Surtees (*Chairman*).
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,, ,, Brigden.
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,, Councillor Bell.

Mr. Councillor Marsden.
,, ,, Mycroft.
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,, Hobson.
,, Piper.

Finance Sub-Committee.

Mr. Councillor Innes (*Chairman*).
,, Alderman Brigden.
,, ,, Chambers.

Mr. Councillor Prince.
,, ,, Russell.
,, Hobson.

Special Purposes Sub-Committee.

Mr. Alderman Chambers (*Chairman*). Mr. Councillor Innes.
,, Councillor Druitt. ,, ,, Surtees.
Mr. T. H. Thorpe.

The Chairman is an *ex-officio* member of all Sub-Committees.

Director and Librarian.

Mr. W. H. Walton F.L.A.

Curator.

Mr. F. Williamson (on Military Service).

COUNTY BOROUGH OF DERBY.

Forty-Seventh Annual Report

— OF THE —

PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUM,

— AND —

ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

In presenting their forty-seventh Annual Report your Committee are still under the necessity of issuing it in a form so abridged as to omit the customary acknowledgments and tables. The Committee regret that public recognition of the many kind donations to the Institution cannot be made in detail here, but they are careful to see that their thanks are duly sent for all objects which they are able to accept.

THE LIBRARY AND STAFF.

The Statistical Returns show a decided increase in the issues of the Lending and Children's Departments of the Library, the joint total increase numbering 10,108,of which 6021 belongs to the Juvenile Section, the total of the latter being 43,417. This rapid rise in the demand for Juvenile Literature called for comment in your Committee's last Report, and it gives no sign of abating. It is of course very satisfactory, but with the present limited accommodation it puts a heavy strain on the Committee's resources and staff. After the last Annual Stocktaking a new and more expeditious method of issuing books in this department was adopted, but the principal result has been the flocking in of additional young readers. In an earnest endeavour to keep expenditure at the minimum, the purchases, both new books and replacements, are below the numbers of those withdrawn as worn out, and your Committee are fully aware that only very exceptional conditions can justify such a state of things, and permit themselves to hope that the necessity will soon be removed.

In the Reference Department there is a decrease of 377 recorded issues on the year—no doubt due to the derangements caused by the transfer of the Reference Room and Children's Library to the Ministry of National Service, which involved a suspension of the service for a whole month.

In June the Government requisitioned the remainder of the Peartree Library—*i.e.*, the Reading Room and the Attendant's Rooms—for the National Service Department, as a Medical Examination Station, and still retain it. In the first week of July the Reference Room and Children's Library, as already indicated, were also taken over on behalf of the same Department, necessitating the closing of the whole Institution for a week, and of the Libraries for a longer period. The Children's Library was transferred to the Ladies' Room, and the new annexe and Local (Devonshire and Bemrose) Library were lighted and adapted, the former for the Ladies' Tables and Directories, the latter as a Reference and Magazine Room. The derangement now being over, your Committee believe the public have not materially suffered by the transfer, which, however, has necessitated the storing of the " Bemrose " Library, rendering it—while quite safe—temporarily inaccessible for consultation.

The service at the Alvaston Branch remains unchanged. The Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Brindley) continues his very useful meetings there on the subject of Child Nurture, and the frontage being quite unfit for vegetable cultivation, has been made pleasing to the eye at a very small cost.

Your Committee have sustained a much regretted loss in the death of Mr. W. J. Piper, on October 7th last. He was the oldest member of the Committee, being appointed in 1886, and took a keen interest in its labours. His wide reading and literary taste made him a valuable member, whose helpful suggestions will be much missed.

As previously reported, all your eligible male staff are now on military service, Mr. Harry Adcock being the latest to join up, he having entered the R.A.F. in May last. Mr. Williamson, your Curator, is now 2nd-Lieutenant and serving in the fighting line with his regiment in France.

THE MUSEUM.

Small but useful additions have been made to your Museum Specimens, principally donations, and your Committee have to thank, amongst others, Major J. Jebb Meynell, J.P. (necklace from an idol), Mr. E. Grindley (local fauna), Mr. Adsetts (Sea Lion), and the Watch Committee (Town Crier's Robe, Badge and Bell). All these objects have been duly labelled and placed in the cases.

THE ART GALLERY.

Exhibitions :—

Original Drawings for Book Illustration ; April 15th to June 29th, 1918. 7723 visitors.

Local Schools' Art Work (on behalf of the Derby Education Committee) ; July 8th to August 10th, 1918. 9674 visitors.

Derby Sketching Club ; August 17th to September 21st. 4,937 visitors.

Original War Sketches by Muirhead Bone, and Portraits of British Admirals and Generals by Francis Dodd ; under the auspices of the Ministry of Information. Opened October 1st, 1918.

Total visitors recorded for the year ending October, 1918 : 36,608.

For reasons already explained in previous Reports the foregoing Exhibitions, the success of which has been a source of earnest satisfaction to your Committee, have replaced the ordinary sequence of miscellaneous loan exhibitions which it is felt necessary to suspend for the present.

The first Exhibition was kindly lent by the owner, who prefers to remain anonymous, and was a source of much interest. Your Committee gladly record their appreciation of the loan. The Schools' Art Work was the most popular Exhibition held since the outbreak of the war, and was a revelation of the excellent work done locally in applied art. In placing their Gallery at the disposal of the Derby Sketching Club your Committee also felt

they were assisting local effort at a time when such assistance was particularly acceptable, and the quality of the small but interesting collection exhibited quite justified their action. For the last collection they are indebted to the kindness of the Ministry of Information. The work shown is of the highest artistic quality, the artists represented ranking with the greatest of European masters of illustration ; while the subject is legitimately topical, appealing not only to the connoisseur but to the general public.

Among the gifts to the Art Gallery your Committee would particularly note a large and beautiful silver vase from Mrs. Mundy, of Markeaton, whose beneficent interest in the Institution seems inexhaustible ; an original portrait of Flamsteed, one of Derby's greatest worthies, presented by Councillor J. Ferguson Bell ; a fine example of the work of Sir Peter Lely, by Mr. Alderman W. Blews Robotham ; examples of Wedgwood Ware by J. Knighton, Esq., etc., etc.

For all these and other donations the Committee desire to record their warmest thanks.

Another year under war conditions has only intensified the limitations in which the work of the Institution is carried on, and the Committee can only regret the unavoidable postponement of their schemes for the wider service of the public, and hope it is not for long.

In conclusion, they would express their satisfaction with the manner in which their chief Official and Staff are carrying on the work of the Institution in circumstances of considerable difficulty, and their acknowledgments of the helpful service and uniform courtesy of the local Press.

On behalf of the Committee,

R. B. CHAMBERS,

Chairman.

October 31st, 1918.

General Summary.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1917.	1918.
Lending Library Replacements ..	308	367
New Books	142	225
Total Books	25,579	25,552
Total Issues	155,598	165,706
Average Daily Issues	590	630
Turnover of each Volume	6.0	6.0
Reference Library :—		
New Books	237	135
Total Books	12,243	12,378
Total Issues	11,604	11,227
Average Daily Issues	40	39
Overdue Books written for	1,366	1,717
Books Re-bound (444), Repaired, etc. (2,438)	3,289	2,882
New Borrowers :—		
Male, 1,378 . } Female, 1,293 . }	2,241	2,671
Total Borrowers	7,500	10,000

GENERAL DATA.

Population (estimated to April, 1917)	127,327.
Rateable Value (March, 1917)	£573,300.
Amount of Rate levied	1½d. *
Library Stock	30.10 per cent. of Population.

* The extra ½d. is levied for the Branch Libraries, but not to be expended for the duration of the war.

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Art Gallery Committee.

Presented to the Town Council, November 10th, 1919.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF DERBY.

Forty-Eighth Annual Report

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PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY.

Presented to the Town Council, November 10th 1919.

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List of Committees and Officials.

General Committee.

Mr. Alderman W. Blews Robotham, J.P. Mayor (*ex-officio*).

Mr. Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P. (*Chairman*).
,, ,, H. H. Bemrose, M.A., SC.D, J.P.
,, ,, Geo. Brigden, J.P.
,, Councillor F. J. Bonas.
,, ,, C. F. Druitt.
,, ,, Geo. Innes.
,, ,, W. H. M. Marsden.

Mr. Councillor A. Mycroft.
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,, ,, L. Russell, J.P.
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,, H. M. Hobson, J.P.
,, C. B. Keene.
Brigadier-General W. Wright Bemrose, J.P.
Dr. W. St. A. St. John.
Mr. T. H. Thorpe, F.R.I.B.A.

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,, Councillor Prince.

Mr. Councillor Russell.
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Dr. W. St. A. St. John.

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Special Purposes Sub-Committee.

Mr. Alderman CHAMBERS (*Chairman*). Mr. Councillor INNES.
,, Councillor DRUITT. ,, ,, SURTEES.
Mr. T. H. THORPE.

The Chairman is an *ex-officio* member of all Sub-Committees.

Director and Librarian.

Mr. W. H. WALTON F.L.A.

Curator.

Mr. F. WILLIAMSON.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF DERBY.

Forty-Eighth Annual Report

— OF THE —

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— AND —

ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

In presenting their Forty-Eighth Annual Report, your Committee rejoice that the devastating war in which the country was so long engaged is now past; but they feel that the heritage of indebtedness left by that great struggle still necessitates the utmost economy, and their Report therefore remains in a form so concise as to omit, necessarily, much desirable detail.

THE LIBRARY AND STAFF.

The Table of Comparative Returns gives the best evidence of the continued popularity of your Library service, in spite of the serious limitations under which it has been carried on for the last five years. Your Committee have again to report a very substantial increase—for the third year in succession—in the number of books issued, the total in the Lending Department being 181,935, as against 165,706 last year, an advance of 16,229. The demand for Juvenile literature also still increases, 49,752 volumes being issued in that department, showing an increase on the year of 6,335. The pressure on this department is very great, and it is felt that structural expansion of the accommodation will have to be faced at no distant date.

The recorded issues in the Reference Department number 9,947, but this gives an entirely inadequate idea of the service of this section, where a considerable number of important volumes are always available for use without formal application, and therefore without any count being made of their use. On the

whole, this privilege is well used and properly appreciated, though occasional abuse occurs, a price which has to be paid for the convenience of the system.

The Government Departments which occupied your Peartree Branch Library and part of the Central Institution have vacated these premises ; but the negotiations concerning their restoration are not yet completed, and consequently they are still unavailable for their normal functions.

An unfortunate delay in connection with the lighting of the Alvaston Branch Library has been quite beyond your Committee's control. The Electricity Committee have now determined to continue the mains along the London Road, and have given an assurance that the Carnegie Library at Alvaston will be lighted immediately the contractors are able to lay the cable. The organisation of the Library service for that Branch proceeds. The Branch Librarian appointed (Lieut. O. C. Hudson) took up duty on 10th September last, and under normal conditions an early opening would have been assured. Dr. Brindley, the Medical Officer, continues his weekly meetings on Child Nurture, and other services of a civic or recreational character have been held in the Lecture Hall.

The only change in the constitution of your Committee is due to the regretted resignation of Councillor Bell, after a membership of eight years, the vacancy thus caused being filled by the appointment of Councillor F. J. Bonas.

The members of your Staff who were serving in a military capacity are now all returned—Hedley (Attendant) in March, Mr. Laughton in April, H. Adcock (Junior) in June, and your Curator (Lieut. F. Williamson) 1st October. A Bookbinder has again been installed on the premises, and the Committee have every reason to believe the appointment has been thoroughly justified.

Your adoption of the forty-seven hours' week has necessitated the appointment of an additional Attendant.

THE MUSEUM.

Several valuable gifts have been received for this department, as set forth in the list appended to this Report.

In the spring, Mr. Walton gave a series of ten weekly addresses on some section o the Museum—local, as far as practical—to classes of wounded soldiers, in connection with the Government educational scheme, Mr. Laughton assisting with an essay on "The Soldier's Poet—Kipling." At the conclusion the Education Officer expressed his appreciation of the Committee's helpful courtesy.

ART GALLERY.

EXHIBITIONS :—

Original War Sketches by Muirhead Bone, and Portraits of British Admirals and Generals by Francis Dodd, 1st Oct.–4th Jan.	8,333 visitors.
Canadian War Photographs, 20th Jan.–22nd Feb.	42,430 ,,
British Battle Photographs, 10th Mar.–5th April	15,040 ,,
Design in Printing, etc., 14th May–21st June	6,059 ,,
Works by Napier Hemy, R.A., 2nd July–9th Aug.	7,316 ,,
Works by Sir Alfred East, R.A., 6th Sept.–12th Oct.	5,147 ,,
Total visitors for the year ending 12th Oct., 1919	84,951 ,,

The number of visitors viewing the above-named exhibitions during the past year is evidence of the public appreciation of your Committee's arrangements, and this success, which in point of numbers is unparalleled, is a source of great satisfaction to them. They feel that the temporary necessity of suspending the normal miscellaneous exhibitions of contemporary art has not involved any appreciable privation for the art-loving public, while it has enabled them to make an appeal to a wider public than ever before.

The exhibition of Canadian Official Photographs was arranged on the condition that the gross voluntary proceeds should go to the Canadian War Memorials Fund, and the amount made over was £441.

The British Battle Photographs in Colour exhibition was also arranged with provision for voluntary contributions, but in this case costs incidental to the exhibition, other than staff and service, were deducted, the balance paid over being £105 9s. 3d.

The exhibition of Design in Printing, arranged by the Designs and Industries Association, was of much educational and technical value on a subject in which Derby is largely concerned.

The fine Marine Paintings of the distinguished painter who has so recently passed away, Mr. Napier Hemy, R.A., made an attractive exhibition with a wide appeal, in addition to the gratification it gave the connoisseur.

The Landscape work of the late Sir Alfred East, R.A., is also of outstanding quality, and your Committee derive considerable satisfaction from securing this fine collection.

Specimens of the works of Sir Alfred East, R.A., J. Raphael Smith (a distinguished mezzotinter, born in Derby), W. H. J. Boot, and W. C. Keene have been acquired by purchase.

Your Committee have again to thank Mrs. Mundy, of Markeaton, for further benefactions, particularly for a new showcase to contain the valuable silver vase presented by her last year. To her and other donors to the Institution, your Committee desire to express their warmest thanks.

Your Committee welcome back to their posts those members of the Staff who have been on military service, and wish them happiness and success in the occupations to which they have now returned. They feel that thanks are due to those who have carried on under difficult circumstances during their absence, and particularly to Mr. Walton, who for over three years has

discharged the Curator's duties in addition to his own, without any extra assistance or charge on the Art Gallery and Museum funds. The conscientious and careful execution of their duties by the Staff generally, and the uniform and helpful courtesy of the Press, are gladly acknowledged.

On behalf of the Committee,

R. B. CHAMBERS,

Chairman.

Donations to the Library.

Agent-General for New South Wales.—Official Year Book of New South Wales, 1917.

Anglo-French Society.—Various Books and Pamphlets in French and English.

Artless, S. W., Esq.—"The Threshold of Music," "The Story of the Bagpipe," "The Story of Minstrelsy."

Auckland Institute, New Zealand.—Annual Report, 1918–19.

Birmingham University.—Year Book.

Blind, National Institute for.—"Victory over Blindness," by Sir Arthur Pearson (three copies).

Carnegie United Kingdom Trust.—Annual Report, 1918.

Chambers, Alderman R. B., J.P.—"*Times* History of the War."

Clarke, J. W., Esq.—"Hampton's Scholastic Directory for London and Provinces," 1918–19.

Constable & Co., Messrs.—"New Italy," 1918.

Cooke, Mrs.—"The Young Diana."

Co-operative Union, Ltd.—"Report of the Liverpool Congress, 1918."

Derby Savings Bank, Trustees of.—"Historical Survey, 1818–1918, of the Derby Savings Bank."

Durham University.—Calendar Supplement, 1918.

Expeditionary Force Canteens.—"West and East with the E.F.C."

Fletcher, Canon J. M. J.—"Notes on the History of Tideswell and its Manor."

Iron and Steel Institute.—"Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute, 1918–19."

King, A. W., Esq.—"Paul Withnell."

Library Reports.—from Aberdeen, Blackburn, Bury, Hornsey, Hyde, Kettering, Lincoln, Montrose, New York, Northampton, Norwich, Portsmouth, Preston, Rochdale, Shoreditch, West Hartlepool, Windsor (Ont.).

Milne, F. J., Esq.—"Theosophy Simplified," "Reincarnation."

Roe, Right Hon. Lord.—"Parliamentary Reports, 1917–19" (21 volumes).

Shute, F., Esq.—"Life : Its Nature, Varieties, and Phenomena."

Smithsonian Institution, U.S.A.—Annual Report, 1916.

Surtees, Councillor, J.P.—"Journal of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, 1918–19."

Teachers, National Union of.—Report for 1919.

Trinity College of Music.—College Calendar, 1919.

Victoria and Albert Museum.—Catalogue of Printed Books, Printings, MSS., etc.

Vinrace, Dr. Dennis.—"Life of Dr. J. Taylor, of Ashbourne."

Whetham, W. C. D., Esq.—"Occasional Verse, Songs, and Sayings."

Wilkins, Alderman W. G., J.P.—Printer's Blocks illustrating Old Derby.

Donations to the Museum and Art Gallery.

Arboretum Committee.—Blue and yellow Macaw, "Robert," lived for many years in the Arboretum aviary.
Blaxter, Miss.—Thirty-three specimens of British Seaweeds.
Cocker, Miss.—Sunderland Pottery Plaque.
Cooper, F., Esq.—Engraved Portrait of the Rev. William Griffiths, of Derby.
Doughty, H., Esq.,—Old Horse-shoe, mediæval, local.
Dugdale, Mrs.—Chinese Figure.
Ffoukes, W. H., Esq.—Roman Pottery (seven items).
Gelsthorpe, F., Esq.—Weaver Bird's Nest; giant Snail.
Gibbs, Mrs.—Collection of British Mosses made by the late Thomas Gibbs, Esq.
Glossop, C. H., Esq.—"Holdship" Mug, engraved in sepia, made at Derby between 1764 and 1771.
Hamond, Major Philip.—Four pairs of African Game Horns (mounted), two pairs each of Eland and Gemsbok.
Harkness, Mrs.—Red-winged Parrakeet (Psittacus erythropterus).
Marples, F., Esq.—Flail or Swipple, local.
Montford, Mrs.—Rhinoceros Horn.
Mundy, Mrs.—Case for silver vase; Portrait (miniature) of the late William Mundy, Esq., by W. C. Ross, R.A.
Notts. and Derby Regt., 1/5th Bn.—German Machine Gun.
Notts. and Derby Regt., 1/2nd Bn.—German Machine Gun; Granatenwerfer; Verey Light Pistol.
Ordnance Department.—German Machine Gun: Box and Belt of Ammunition, captured by the 1/5th Bn. Notts. and Derby Regt.
Petty Frank, Esq.,—Six old Coins.
Richardson, W. H., Esq.—Old Derby Document (Whitehurst receipt).

Purchases.

Oil Painting "The Duck Pond," by the late Sir Alfred East, R.A.
Portrait of Erasmus Darwin, F.R.S. (mezzotint), by J. Raphael Smith.
Water-colour Drawing, "Isola Bella," by W. H. J. Boot, R.I.
Water-colour Drawing, "Markeaton Brook," by W. C. Keene.
Warming Pan, brass, local.

TABLE VI.

General Summary.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS.

	1918.	1919.
Lending Library Replacements ..	367	183
New Books	225	212
Total Books	25,552	25,617
Total Issues	165,706	181,935
Average Daily Issues	630	723
Turnover of each Volume	6.0	7.0
Reference Library :—		
New Books	135	124
Total Books	12,378	12,502
Total Issues	11,227	9,947
Average Daily Issues	39	35
Overdue Books written for	1,717	1,925
Books Re-bound (298), Repaired, etc. (1,498)	2,882	1,796
New Borrowers :—		
Male, 2,028 . } Female, 1,826 . }	2,671	3,854
Total Borrowers	10,000	10,000

GENERAL DATA.

Population (estimated to April, 1917)	127,327.
Rateable Value March, 1917)	£573,300.
Amount of Rate levied	1½d. *
Library Stock	30.10 per cent. of Population.

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DERBY CORPORATION ART GALLERY.—Abstract of Accounts, Year ending March 31st, 1919.

	£	s.	d.
Rents Receivable	108	12	0
Art Union Bank Balance	1	2	9
Transferred from General District Fund (Museum Rate) ...	595	18	0
	£705	12	9

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages				206	16	11
Collection and Carriage of Pictures and Loan Exhibits ...				5	5	3
Establishment Charges—						
Fuel, Light and Water	26	17	0			
Printing, Stationery and Advertising ...	44	18	7			
Insurance and Rates	85	13	2			
Furniture Repairs, Restoring Pictures, etc.	49	11	8			
Sundries	18	19	5			
				225	19	10
Repairs and Alterations to Premises				4	7	4
Interest on Loans				184	3	11
Repayment of Loans				78	15	3
Bankers' Charges				0	4	3
				£705	12	9

DERBY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.—Abstract of Accounts, Year ending March 31st, 1919.

	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward ...	2,831	0	11
Acknowledgments ...	0	4	6
Library Rates ...	2,985	0	0
Banker's Interest *less* Charges ...	75	5	8
	£5,891	11	1

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs and Alterations ...				6	3	9
Salaries and Wages—						
Staff ...	744	3	3			
Porters and Cleaners ...	281	4	2			
				1,025	7	5
Library Account—						
New Books ...	200	15	11			
Binding and Repairs ...	71	3	0			
Printing Catalogues, Tickets, etc. ...	84	2	0			
Sundries ...	2	11	7			
	358	12	6			
Less Fines, etc. from Readers ...	133	18	10			
				224	13	8
Reading and News Rooms—						
Periodicals, Newspapers, etc. ...	149	9	9			
Less Sale of Old Periodicals, etc. ...	12	8	3			
				137	1	6
Museum—						
Insurance ...	9	13	4			
Electric Fittings, Repairs, etc....	5	1	0			
Cash Disbursements and Sundries ...	3	12	1			
				18	6	5
Establishment Charges—						
Fuel, Light, and Cleaning ...	204	5	8			
Rates and Insurance ...	67	11	8			
Printing, Stationery, and Postages ...	46	1	4			
Electric Fittings and Repairs ...	23	9	4			
Telephone Rent ...	12	17	0			
Sundries ...	8	10	10			
				362	15	10
Arboretum Reading Room—						
Wages ...	15	12	0			
Fuel and Light ...	27	12	7			
Newspapers and Magazines ...	51	7	7			
Fittings and Repairs ...	0	6	10			
Rent ...	10	0	0			
Sundries ...	1	9	2			
	106	8	2			
Less Sale of Old Periodicals ...	1	0	1			
				105	8	1
Pear Tree Branch—						
Wages ...	7	19	10			
Insurance ...	6	10	3			
Newspapers and Magazines, etc. ...	7	12	11			
Fuel, Light, and Water... ...	1	10	11			
Winding Clock ...	3	0	0			
				26	13	11
Alvaston Branch—						
Insurance ...	6	11	1			
Fuel, Light, etc. ...	20	17	11			
Wages ...	81	4	6			
Newspapers and Magazines ...	46	15	10			
Fittings and Repairs ...	12	17	3			
Hose ...	6	17	3			
Sundries ...	3	10	6			
	178	14	4			
Less Sale of Old Periodicals, etc. ...	1	8	1			
				177	6	3
War Bonus to Employees ...				16	9	0
Allowances to Staff serving with H.M. Forces ...				126	10	10
Interest on Loans ...				71	18	9
Repayment of Loans ...				64	14	1
Balance carried forward, being amount in hand March 31st, 1919 ...				3,528	1	7
				£5,891	11	1

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,, ,, W. G. Goodman.
,, ,, Geo. Innes.
,, ,, W. H. M. Marsden.
,, ,, A. E. Moult.

Mr. Councillor A. Mycroft.
,, ,, H. W. Surtees, J.P.
,, ,, Charles Turner.
,, F. H. Frere.
,, H. M. Hobson, J.P.
,, C. B. Keene.
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Dr. W. A. St. John.

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Mr. Councillor Mycroft.
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,, Frere.

Dr. W. A. St. John.

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Mr. Councillor Innes.
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Director and Librarian.

Mr. W. H. Walton, F.L.A.

Curator.

Mr. F. Williamson.

Sub-Librarian.

Mr. Stephen Laughton.

Branch Librarian.

Mr. Oswald C. Hudson, F.L.A.

Clerk.

Miss E. J. Crowther.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF DERBY.

Forty-Ninth Annual Report

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ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

YOUR Committee herein present their Forty-Ninth Annual Report, in which they have restored the Tables and Statistics showing the essential details of the work they are doing. They feel that the Institution under their control is discharging an increasingly important educational and recreative service to the community, and one which is receiving a wide and popular appreciation.

THE LIBRARY AND STAFF.

The **Statistics** show in the gross a great expansion in the work of the **Lending Departments,** though there is a slight fall in the issues of the Central Library, where the structural limitations make further considerable increase difficult of attainment. The fall is 404 only on the total for the year, and as the decrease in the issues of the **Juvenile Department** number 2,939 it will be seen that there was a gross increase elsewhere of 2,535 volumes issued—as a matter of fact, an increase in the use of every other

class of literature, notably of Music, the Arts, and Political Science. This last demand is particularly gratifying, for in these exceptional times the public cannot be too well acquainted with the fundamental principles underlying economic and social welfare. The rise in the use of **books for the blind**—110 against 98—is in the right direction, but your Committee and Staff are desirous that this service should be greatly increased. The Institution is affiliated to the National Lending Library for the Blind, and a constant circulation of fresh volumes for recreation, and if desired for instruction also, is maintained. The fall in the Juvenile Department issues is no more than might have been expected, and it was pointed out last year that the present accommodation at the Central Library was quite inadequate to the demands upon it without reconstruction, which under existing conditions is not lightly to be undertaken. Fortunately, the Branch Libraries are more than compensating for the slight falling off in this department at the parent Institution.

The recorded issues in the **Reference Department** show a very gratifying increase—17,055 as against 9,947—but in both cases the numbers are only indications of service and take no account of the many volumes accessible for reference without formal application. The rooms so long occupied by H.M. Office of Works are now liberated, and one has been restored as the **Ladies' Reading Room**; the other will be dealt with on the rearrangement of the Reference Department, for which the furniture and fittings are under consideration.

THE BRANCH LIBRARIES.

On 1st January of this year, without any prearranged formalities, the **Alvaston Branch Library** was put into full commission by the Chairman, who declared the Institution open for the issue of books. The stock numbered 3,038 volumes, increased by the end of September to 4,233 volumes, well selected and advantageously acquired. As soon as the light permitted the Library was opened until 8 p.m. and the Reading Rooms until 9 p.m. Electric light was installed in July. In May, Mr. H. Adcock was placed in charge, under Mr. Hudson, with Miss Eyre as Junior Assistant. The issues to 30th September number 29,410.

On these Staff arrangements being made, the Director and the Branch Librarian at once proceeded to the final arrangement of the **Peartree Library stock**—the Reading Room at that Branch being reopened 26th April, and on 4th August the **issue of books** there was inaugurated by His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Councillor A. J. Eggleston), supported by the Chairman and the members of Committee and Corporation. The initial stock comprised 3,336 volumes, raised by 30th September to 4,171. For the selection and arrangement of the books—under the general direction of the Committee—acknowledgment is due and was made to the Director and Branch Librarian, whose labours have been discharged with devoted economy and unobtrusiveness.

The **Peartree Branch** has been so successful that no fewer than 15,441 volumes have been issued in less than two months to the end of September, and of these more than half have been books for juvenile reading. An Assistant (Miss Pipes) was transferred from the Central Library to serve with Mr. Hudson, but the pressure has been so unexpectedly heavy that it has been found necessary to authorise an additional Junior Assistant for service at Peartree. The stock is being rapidly augmented at both Branches to meet the demand, but more especially is this necessary at the last-mentioned Institution. The **Reading Rooms** at both Branches are well equipped with news sheets and periodicals and are well patronised, particularly in the morning and evening.

In July, 1919, a **Bookbinder** was reinstated on the premises, and the tabulated results of a year's work at the annual stock-taking amply justified the action. In brief, 1,537 volumes were repaired or re-bound, 46 periodical cases were made, and some 3,284 volumes underwent minor operations. But with the increased issues due to the new Branch services, still greater demands are daily coming against this department.

There were considerable changes on your Committee last November, including the regretted resignation of Alderman H. H. Bemrose, Sc.D., J.P., to whom, in the past, the Institution has owed much. The senior members of your Staff are unchanged.

MUSEUM.

The additions to **the Museum** are given in detail in the list appended. The most noticeable of these is a large **nesting group of Arctic Terns,** reproducing a scene in the Shetland Islands. The cost was defrayed out of a sum of £30 left to the Museum by the Midland Scientific Association for the purchase of natural history objects to commemorate the Association. The specimens were collected by Councillor Dr. C. F. Druitt (Chairman of the Museum Sub-Committee) and Mr. H. A. Wallace, and the latter also prepared the enlarged photographic background from photographs taken on the spot. The specimens were set up, and the rock-work made by Mr. A. F. Adsetts.

ART GALLERY.

Exhibitions :—

	Visitors.
Engravings after Joseph Wright, A.R.A., of Derby, 18th Oct.–30th Nov.	5,992
Derby Sketching Club, 5th Dec.–4th Jan.	8,385
Loan Exhibition of British Art, 17th Jan.–11th April.	16,279
Advanced Art, 16th April–6th June	20,596
Textile Fabrics, 11th June–8th Aug.	12,622
Modern Prints and Drawings, 11th Aug.–3rd Oct. ..	11,738
Total attendance for the year ending 11th Oct., 1920..	80,190

The total **number of visitors** shows a slight decrease (4,761) as compared with last year; but it should be remembered that the exhibition of Canadian War Photographs attracted over 42,000 visitors in one month, whereas this year the attendance has been more evenly distributed. The policy of **frequent changes of exhibits** is one which appeals to the public, and is of educational value.

The collection of Engravings after the Works of "Wright of Derby" was lent by Councillor Ll. Eardley-Simpson, and was a representative series of engravings by some of the foremost engravers of the eighteenth century.

The members of the Derby Sketching Club revived their annual exhibition, and a very creditable collection of oil paintings and water-colour drawings was got together by the members.

The Loan Exhibition comprised twenty-three important oil paintings from the National Gallery of British Art (Tate Gallery), kindly lent by the Trustees, besides a number of works from local collections.

The Exhibition of Advanced Art included a number of works lent by the Contemporary Art Society, as well as paintings contributed by some of the most advanced of our younger painters. It caused much discussion, but the public undoubtedly appreciated the opportunity of seeing examples of the post-impressionist, futurist, cubist, and other modern schools.

The Exhibition of Textile Fabrics was arranged in conjunction with the Design and Industries Association, and was a continuation of the policy instituted just before the war, of exhibiting examples of industrial art, and was fully justified by the interest taken in it.

The collection of Modern Prints and Drawings was kindly lent by Mr. Campbell Dodgson, C.B.E., and consisted of nearly one hundred examples of the work of well-known British and foreign artists, illustrating the practice of wood-engraving, coloured wood-engraving, lithography, etching, mezzotint engraving, and drawings in various mediums.

The experiment of **Sunday opening** of the Museum and Art Gallery has now had twelve months' trial, and is so far justified that your Committee have decided to continue the privilege, and to open in the evenings as well as afternoons.

The stringent necessity for economy must still control your Committee's desires for adventuring on further activities, but they hope that the recent considerable expansion of their services in all departments of the Institution is only an earnest of their

schemes for future development. The thanks of the Committee are heartily extended to all who, by gifts or service, have helped in carrying on their work for the public. They would acknowledge the conscientious and careful discharge of their duties by the Staff, and particularly by their chief officials, Mr. Walton and Mr. Williamson, and gladly recognise the courtesy and ready help of the local Press.

On behalf of the Committee,

R. B. CHAMBERS,

Chairman.

TABLE I.

Lending Departments. Library Stock.

CLASS.	1 Number of Volumes in Library, Sept., 1919.	2 Volumes Lost and Paid for.	3 Volumes from Infected Houses destroyed.	4 Volumes Totally Lost.	5 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out or Transferred. †	6 Total.	Stock Reduced as per Column 6.	Number of Books Replaced.	Number of New Books.	Central Library Stock, September, 1920.	Total Increase or Decrease.	Percentage of Books in each Class.	Branch Libraries' Stock, September, 1920.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	2,635	..	*	..	114	114	2,521	2	71	2,594	–41	10·45	1,015	12·08
Law and Politics	491	..	..	..	25	25	466	..	12	478	–13	1·93	253	3·02
Natural History	710	..	*	..	34	34	676	..	22	698	–12	2·81	107	1·28
Poetry and Drama	863	..	*	..	1	1	862	..	28	890	+27	3·59	123	1·46
Theology and Philosophy .	1,299	..	..	..	6	6	1,293	..	16	1,309	+10	5·28	285	3·39
Light Literature	6,443	8	*	2	692	702	5,741	239	83	6,063	–380	24·44	3,033	36·09
Children's Department ..	2,320	5	1	3	402	411	1,909	210	119	2,238	–82	9·02	2,033	24·19
History, Travels, and Biography	8,255	..	*	..	374	374	7,881	..	70	7,951	–304	32·04	1,547	18·40
Miscellaneous	2,601	1	*	..	78	79	2,522	16	53	2,591	–10	10·44	8	0·09
Totals	25,617	14	1	5	1,726	1,746	23,871	467	474	24,812	–805	100·00	8,404	100·00

* 223 Books disinfected; 1 Book destroyed. † 489 volumes transferred to Branches.

TABLE II.

Central Libraries. Lending Department.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days the Library was Open, the Total Volumes Issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days Open.	Science and Technology.	Fine and Applied Art.	Music.	Books for Blind.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Children's Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1919.															
October	24½	240	94	109	7	22	82	37	147	11,571	426	636	5,848	19,219	784
November. ..	23	211	95	115	7	33	90	74	169	11,724	428	626	5.956	19,528	849
December . ..	21½	168	81	119	6	25	80	46	115	10,458	356	646	4,984	17,084	795
1920.															
January	25	217	82	181	4	28	77	63	101	12,872	452	736	4,624	19,437	777
February.. ..	22	186	88	187	4	26	82	51	144	10,626	490	613	4,391	16,888	768
March	24½	174	91	191	10	28	74	66	124	11,071	483	607	4,782	17,701	722
April	22	151	46	165	16	23	92	58	123	10,688	429	534	3,855	16,180	735
May	22	131	47	152	16	22	85	52	94	9,708	357	490	3,702	14,856	675
June	7½	35	10	43	1	2	20	13	14	2,062	87	106	591	2,984	398
July	25	151	48	180	6	15	81	49	57	8,999	420	478	3,083	13,567	542
August	23	168	55	154	16	13	65	55	105	8,052	367	411	2,050	11,511	500
September ..	23½	153	73	142	17	15	57	42	74	8,173	403	480	2,947	12,576	535
Totals ..	263½	1,985	810	1,738	110	252	885	606	1,267	116,004	4,698	6,363	46,813	181,531	689

TABLE III.

Branch Libraries. Lending Departments.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

	MONTH.	Number of Days Open.	Science and Technology.	Fine and Applied Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Children's Library.	TOTAL.	Daily Average of Volumes.
Alvaston Branch.	1920.													
	January ..	24	32	22	3	6	..	13	1,138	24	..	2,300	3,538	147
	February ..	21	51	35	9	10	4	4	1,408	44	..	2,225	3,790	180
	March	23½	36	38	6	6	2	5	1,516	51	..	2,291	3,951	172
	April	21	37	22	8	8	2	7	1,670	31	..	2,085	3,870	184
	May	22	49	27	5	6	4	13	1,547	34	..	1,821	3,506	159
	June	24½	38	39	6	9	..	3	1,396	48	..	1,444	2,983	124
	July	24	53	35	8	1	4	3	1,554	40	..	1,218	2,916	121
	August . ..	22	24	30	3	3	1	1	1,262	36	..	790	2,150	98
	September ..	22½	31	53	8	7	6	4	1,386	59	..	1,152	2,706	120
	Totals ..	204½	351	301	56	56	23	53	12,877	367	..	15,326	29,410	144
Peartree Branch.	August... ..	21	66	60	25	20	13	7	2,184	130	..	2,930	5,435	259
	September ..	22	97	107	24	19	17	12	3,759	182	4	5,785	10,006	455
	Totals ..	43	163	167	49	39	30	19	5,943	312	4	8,715	15,441	359

Alvaston Branch opened 1st January, 1920. Peartree Branch opened 4th August, 1920.

TABLE IV.

Reference Department. Library Stock.

CLASS.	Number of Volumes in Library, September, 1919.	Additions during the Year.	Present Library Stock, September, 1920.
Arts and Sciences	3,496	35	3,531
Law and Politics..	388	3	391
Natural History	956	6	962
Poetry and Drama	177	5	182
Theology and Philosophy	354	3	357
Light Literature	65	2	67
History, Travels, Biography, etc.	2,189	26	2,215
Miscellaneous	2,126	24	2,150
Devonshire Library	1,584	7	1,591
Patent Library*	1,167	87	1,254
Totals	12,502	198	12,700

Pamphlets are not included in the above.

* Patents are received singly, and only *completed* volumes are here included.

TABLE V.

Reference Department.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	Number of Days Open.	Science and Technology.	Fine and Applied Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous	Patent Library.	Devonshire Library.	TOTAL.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1919.														
October.. ..	27	146	190	44	90	22	63	..	557	38	137	186	1,473	54
November ..	25	185	156	56	75	30	66	6	542	36	80	147	1,379	55
December ..	23½	143	152	63	57	25	35	4	583	34	18	127	1,241	53
1920.														
January.. ..	27	170	244	50	103	29	46	..	638	53	38	219	1,590	59
February ..	24	173	178	48	85	21	83	2	577	55	10	177	1,409	59
March	27	164	157	37	89	48	84	..	656	44	23	168	1,470	54
April	24	183	138	44	119	31	52	..	569	81	41	170	1,428	59
May	24	148	139	51	126	17	31	..	603	69	..	280	1,474	61
June	11	84	100	21	46	..	34	..	317	41	9	137	789	71
July	27	168	160	48	118	20	45	5	705	71	20	253	1,613	59
August	25	192	176	35	146	27	79	2	573	31	41	223	1,525	61
September ..	26	179	187	82	133	58	58	2	670	85	7	203	1,664	64
Totals ..	290½	1,935	1,977	579	1,187	328	686	21	6,990	638	424	2,290	17,055	59

TABLE VI.

Occupations of the Last Thousand of the New Borrowers.

Agents and Collectors.. ..	7
Architects, Surveyors, and Draughtsmen	9
Bakers and Confectioners ..	6
Bookbinders	4
Boot and Shoe Makers. ..	11
Builders, Bricklayers, and Masons..	5
Butchers	3
Carpenters, Joiners, Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers.	15
Chauffeur	1
Chemists	4
China Workers	4
Clergymen and Ministers ..	2
Clerks and Book-keepers ..	139
Coach Builders	23
Commercial Travellers . ..	2
Customs and Excise Officers .	2
Doctors (Medical)	2
Domestic Servants	14
Drapers	17
Dressmakers and Milliners ..	12
Electricians	3
Engineers, Moulders, Smiths, Fitters, Boiler Makers, and Engine Drivers	96
Errand and Office Boys ..	13
Factory Hands	52
Farmers	2
Firemen	2
Foremen	4
Gardeners	3
Grocers and Provision Dealers	8
Grooms	2
Hair Dresser	1
Carried forward ..	468
Brought forward ..	468
Housekeepers	13
Inspectors	9
Journalists..	2
Labourers	10
Leather Dressers	3
Managers	2
Masseur	1
Miller	1
Motor Mechanics	4
Musicians	3
Nurses	4
Painters and Paperhangers ..	13
Photographers	2
Platelayer	1
Policeman	1
Polishers	7
Porters, Caretakers, and Attendants	10
Postmen	2
Printers, Lithographers, and Compositors	15
Scholars and Students . ..	44
Shopkeepers and Salesmen ..	9
Tailoresses..	4
Tailors, Hatters, and Hosiers.	3
Teachers and Pupil Teachers.	27
Telegraph Messengers	9
Telegraphists and Telephonists	4
Timekeeper.	1
Turners and Brass Finishers .	38
Waitresses..	4
Warehousemen	4
Watchmakers and Jewellers..	3
No occupation stated	279
	1,000

TABLE VII.

General Summary.

Comparative Returns.

	1918–19.	1919–20.
Libraries—		
Total Books	38,119	45,916
Total Issues	191,882	243,437
Central Lending Library—		
Replacements	183	467
New Books	212	474
Total Books	25,617	24,812
Total Issues	181,935	181,531
Average Daily Issues	723	689
Alvaston Branch—		
Total Books	—	4,233
Total Issues (9 months)	—	29,410
Average Daily Issues	—	144
Peartree Branch—		
Total Books	—	4,171
Total Issues (8 weeks)	—	15,441
Average Daily Issues	—	359
Reference Library—		
New Books	124	198
Total Books	12,502	12,700
Total Issues	9,947	17,055
Average Daily Issues	35	59
Overdue Books written for	1,925	2,862
Books Re-bound (562), Repaired, etc. (2,911)	1,796	3,473
New Borrowers—Male, 3018; Female, 2,859	3,854	5,877
Total Borrowers.	10,000	15,000

General Data.

Population (estimated to April, 1920)	129,098
Rateable Value (March, 1919)	£591,986
Library Stock	35.58 per cent. of Population

DERBY CORPORATION ART GALLERY.—Abstract of Accounts, Year ending March 31st, 1920.

	£	s.	d.
Rents receivable	114	2	4
Banker's Interest..	5	10	3
Transferred from General District Fund (Museum Rate)	963	11	11
	£1,083	4	6

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages				312	16	11
Collection and Carriage of Pictures and Loan Exhibits				25	3	9
Establishment Charges—						
Fuel, Light, and Water	53	7	1			
Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	74	8	5			
Insurance and Rates	113	19	10			
Exhibits purchased	102	15	6			
Fittings, Repairs, Ironmongery, etc. .	42	10	11			
Cleaning Materials	10	4	3			
Uniforms	6	1	6			
Cash Disbursements and Sundries ..	21	9	10			
Materials from Stores	9	6	10			
	434	4	2			
Less—Sale of Catalogues, etc. ..	10	19	7			
				423	4	7
Repairs and Alterations to Premises ..				30	2	5
Interest on Loans				210	7	1
Repayment of Loans				80	15	11
Bankers' Charges				0	13	10
				£1,083	4	6

DERBY PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND MUSEUM.—Abstract of Accounts, Year ending March 31st, 1923.

	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward	6,827	13	9
Borough Rate Account—Estimated Deficiency	4,700	0	0
Banker's Interest *less* Charges	330	11	0
Acknowledgments	0	4	6
	£ 11,858	9	3

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Repairs and Painting to Premises		358 10 7
Salaries and Wages—		
Staff	1390 0 4	
Porters and Cleaners	194 18 8	
		1,584 19 0
Library Account—		
New Books	256 14 3	
Binding and Repairs	271 13 7	
Printing Catalogues, etc.	30 1 10	
Subscriptions and Sundries	69 19 5	
	628 9 1	
Less Fines, etc. from Readers	103 8 6	
		525 0 7
Reading and News Rooms —		
Periodicals Newspapers, etc.	196 8 9	
Less Sale of Old Periodicals, etc.	9 3 7	
		187 5 2
Museum—		
Insurance	17 13 1	
Mounting Specimens, Show Case, etc.	58 19 0	
Cash Disbursements and Sundries	12 14 3	
Salaries and Wages	344 1 0	
	433 7 4	
Less Sale of Scrap	3 0 0	
		430 7 4
Establishment Charges—		
Fuel, Light, and Cleaning	271 17 4	
Rates and Insurance	93 1 11	
Printing, Stationery, and Postages	81 10 11	
Fittings, Repairs, etc.	61 14 11	
Telephone Rent	11 10 2	
Uniform	7 6 6	
Cash Disbursements and Sundries	46 1 11	
Cleansing Pavements	0 15 0	
	573 18 8	
Less National Insurance Act—Unemployment Contributions refunded	26 5 1	
		547 13 7
Arboretum Reading Room—		
Wages	58 1 0	
Fuel and Light	13 12 2	
Newspapers, Magazines, etc.	36 16 5	
Rent	10 0 0	
Sundries	6 5 7	
Fittings and Repairs and Painting	86 15 11	
	211 11 1	
Less Rents	17 3 6	
		194 7 7
Pear Tree Branch—		
Salaries and Wages	566 17 5	
Insurance	20 14 2	
Books, Newspapers, Magazines, etc.	287 17 1	
Printing, Advertising, etc.	11 11 9	
Fuel, Light, and Water...	69 7 10	
Fittings, Ironmongery and Repairs	28 18 11	
Binding and Repairs	194 19 0	
Cash Disbursements and Sundries	14 19 9	
	1195 5 11	
Less Fines, etc. from Readers and Sale of Periodicals ... 81 19 10		
Wages received from Guardians 7 13 0	89 12 10	
		1,105 13
Alvaston Branch—		
Salaries and Wages	326 13 10	
Insurance	18 11 3	
Fuel Light, etc.	56 13 8	
Books, Newspapers and Magazines	156 5 7	
Printing, advertising, etc	1 10 0	
Binding and Repairs	64 19 7	
Furniture	25 12 8	
Rose Trees	6 0 0	
Fittings, Repairs, etc.	79 19 0	
Cash Disbursements and Sundries	6 16 11	
	743 2 6	
Less Fines, etc. from Readers, and Sale of Periodicals	23 3 1	
		719 19
Interest and Repayment of Loans		198 3 6
Balance in hand carried forward at March 31st, 1923...		6,006 9 5
		£11,858 9 3

Donations to the Library.

American Issue Publishing Company.—Various publications relating to the Anti-Alcoholic Traffic.

Bemrose & Sons, Ltd. (per).—Liverpool: Its Trade and Commerce, 1918. Oldham Chamber of Commerce Year Book, 1918. Coventry Chamber of Commerce Year Book, 1920.

Boam, Alderman C., J.P.—"Garden Cities in Theory and Practice" (2 copies).

British Museum, Trustees of.—*Terra Nova* Report. "Zoology." "Studies on Acari." "Monograph of the Lacertidæ." "Catalogue of Lepidoptera Phalaenœ." "Handbook of British Mosquitoes." "Summary Guide to Exhibition Galleries." "Economic Series," 1a, 9, 10, 11.

Bridge, Sir E. A. Wallis.—"An Egyptian Hieroglyphic Dictionary."

Canadian Government.—Canadian Year Book, 1918.

Carnegie United Kingdom Trust.—Sixth Annual Report.

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.—Year Book of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace for 1919.

Chambers, Alderman R. B., J.P.—"*Times* History of the War," vols. 20 and 21. 236 Lantern Slides: Norway, U.S.A., etc.

Chapman, F. W., Esq.—"Pagan and Christian Creeds."

Chartered Institute of Secretaries.—Year Book, 1919–20.

Co-operative Union, Ltd.—Report of the Fifty-first Annual Congress.

Cubley, Miss.—"The Practice and Preaching of Optimism" (Helen Keller), "The Three Strangers" (Thomas Hardy), in Braille type.

Derby Crown Glass Company.—"The Development of Various Types of Glass."

Dunstan, Mrs.—"Fox's Book of Martyrs."

Green, Sir John L., O.B.E.—"Life of the Hon. Jesse Collings."

High Commissioner for New Zealand.—Statistical Blue Books of New Zealand. Official Year Book, 1916. Pamphlets, etc.

Incorporated Society of Accountants.—Year Book and List of Members, 1920.

Keir, Lieut.-General, K.C.B.—A "Soldier's Eye-view" of our Armies.

Kemp's Publishing Co., Messrs.—" Kemp's Directory, British and Foreign, 1919–20."

Korostovetz, J. J., Esq.—" Pre-War Diplomacy." " The Russo-Japanese Problem."

Lepper, G. H., Esq.—" From Nebula to Nebula."

Library Reports—from Bolton, Bury, Buxton, Glasgow, Hereford, Hornsey, Hyde, Ipswich, Lincoln, Northampton, Norwich, Rochdale, Salford, Smethwick, St. Annes-on-Sea, Tottenham, Walthamstow, Windsor (Ont.).

Longdon, Miss.—Five Books in relation to Quakerism.

Macphail, Dr.—" Caledonian Medical Journal," vol. xi., No. 9.

Medical Officer of Health.—Annual Report, 1918.

Medical Superintendent.—Annual Report of the Mental Hospital, 1918–19.

Mozley, J. R., Esq.—Various Works and Writings of Professor F. W. Newman.

Mundy, Mrs., of Markeaton.—53 volumes, chiefly on Art and Architecture.

National Physical Laboratory.—Report for the year 1919.

National Union of Teachers.—Report for 1920.

Paton, Messrs. J. & J.—" Paton's List of Schools, 1920."

Richards, Leonard H., Esq.—Four Text-Books of Bristol Shorthand.

Rolls-Royce, Ltd., Messrs.—Brochures (3 sets).

Rowe, Alderman T. B.—Three Prints of Old Derby.

Severn, J. M., Esq.—" Popular Phrenology."

Stubbs' Directories, Ltd., Messrs.—" Stubbs' Directory, 1920."

Surtees, Councillor, J.P.—" Journal of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers," 1919–20.

Thompson, W. P., Messrs.—" Handbook of Patent Law of all Countries," 1920.

Town & Counties Directories, Ltd.—" Derby and District Trades Directory," 1919–20.

Trustees of the late Mrs. Honyman Gillespie.—" William H. Gillespie : Scottish Metaphysical Theist."

United Brassfounders & Engineers, Ltd.—"Ubel" Brochure.

University, Durham.—University Calendar, 1919–20.

University Tutorial Press.—" University Correspondent," vol. xxix.

Wilkin, Major W. H.—" Life of Sir David Baird."

Wilkins, Alderman, J.P.—417 Lantern Slides of Old Derby, and various.

Donations to the Museum.

Adsetts, A. F., Esq.—Storm Petrel, taken in Derby, June, 1919.

Army & Navy Supply Stores, London.—50 specimens of Medal Ribands.

Bostock, Messrs.—Chacma Baboon (in the flesh).

Cardew, Colonel.—26 Prehistoric Stone Implements, from Madras.

Chandos-Pole-Gell, Brig.-General.—Old Handloom for weaving tape.

Druitt, Councillor Dr. C. F.—Eggs of Arctic Tern. Figure of Buddha.

Jobson, E. W., Esq.—Large Fish Hook used by the natives of British Columbia.

Longdon, Messrs. A., & Co.—Old Handloom, fitted with material in process of weaving.

McInnes, E., Esq.—Two Hornbills (*Buceros rhinoceros, L.*, and *Rhytodoceros subruficollis*, Blyth).

Marples, F., Esq.—Old Cake Slice.

Midland Scientific Association.—The sum of £30, which was utilised for the preparation of a Nesting Group of Arctic Terns, 8ft. 6in. by 5ft.

Richardson, W. H., Esq.—Two old Keys from St. Werburgh's Church, Derby.

Ward, John, Esq., F.S.A.—Mediæval Encaustic Tiles from Dale Abbey and Blackfriars, Derby. Drawings of Mediæval Tiles.

Wilmshurst, J., Esq.—Five pairs of old Spectacles.

PURCHASES.

Arctic Tern (*Sterna macrura*) in summer plumage.

British Herbarium collected by the late Thomas Gibbs, Esq., of Derby.

Common Tern (*Sterna fluviatilis*) in summer plumage.

Lyre Bird (*Menura superba*), male and female.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF DERBY.

Fiftieth Annual Report

— OF THE —

PUBLIC LIBRARIES, MUSEUM

— AND —

ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

IN presenting their Fiftieth Annual Report your Committee feel that the year completing half-a-century's activities of the Institution under their charge shows solid ground for satisfaction, the statistics revealing an increase in the issue of books over that of the previous year of nearly a hundred and ten thousand. The year preceding showed an increase of close on fifty thousand, so that in two years your Library services have been doubled.

HISTORICAL.

On 6th October, 1869, the Town Council appointed a Committee to consider the desirability of establishing a Public Library and Museum in the Borough. Arising out of their report, the Town Council ordered a meeting of the burgesses to be convened (17th May, 1870), to consider the adoption of the Public Libraries Act, which adoption was unanimously agreed to. A Committee, consisting of six Council and six non-Council members were appointed, and commenced their services on 21st September, 1870, under their first chairman, Mr. Alderman William Hobson. They thereupon took over the old Town and County Library as a free gift. This Institution, on the site of your present Central Library, became the nucleus of your system, and was formally

opened for the public service on 12th October, 1871—a service which has for **just 50 years** proceeded without interruption. In the first year the total issues numbered 92,228, and your stock was 13,664 volumes. Your issues for the year just completed total 352,847, and your stock, 48,899 volumes.

THE CENTRAL LIBRARIES.

As stated above, the activities of your Library system have increased by nearly fifty per cent. in the past year; but there has not, unnaturally, been a slight falling off at the **Central Lending Library**, mainly due to the decrease in the **Juvenile Department.** This fall is, no doubt, largely the result of some of the children transferring their attendances to one or the other of the Branch Libraries, where commodious reading rooms exist for their special service, in addition to the book supply. In July last the Juvenile Department was brought into uniformity with the methods of the new Branch Libraries by its adaptation to **Open Access**, which the children greatly appreciate. Here a compulsory economy has kept the stock very low, present high prices necessitating the retention of old copies which would otherwise be replaced. In **all other sections** there is **an increased issue,** though in Fiction alone it is insignificant. There is a very gratifying increase in Science and Technology, Political Science and History, comparison with previous years showing a distinctly larger interest in serious subjects generally. The use of **books for the blind** shows a slight upward tendency, but a much larger selection is available than has yet been called for.

The demands on the **Reference Department** again show a **marked advance,** 24,012 volumes as against 9,947 of two years ago. This, of course, is additional to the use made of the many volumes available without formal application.

The **Local Collections** are appreciated by the special student, and the valuable "Devonshire" Library has been largely made use of. Your Committee regret their present inability to make the "Bemrose" Library generally available, but feel they cannot ask your sanction for the considerable expenditure on fittings, which is a necessary preliminary, while prices range so high..

THE BRANCH LIBRARIES.

The Branch Libraries are amply justifying their existence, the **Peartree Branch** in particular being used very near to its full capacity. The issues in the first complete year of their service are most encouraging, those for **Alvaston** numbering 42,496 vols., while at the **Peartree Branch** 111,585 volumes have been circulated. At Alvaston, the Librarian-in-Charge (Mr. Adcock), set up a **wild-flower table,** maintained by the children, and drawing competitions were held, for the encouragement of which Alderman Wilkins kindly offered a prize. To add further to the services and popularity of these Libraries your Committee have arranged for a series of **free illustrated lectures** of an entertaining and informing character to be given by voluntary helpers, to whom the Committee are much indebted.

The exceptional popularity of these Branches has put a heavy strain on your Library stock, and though large numbers of volumes have been purchased at very advantageous prices, your Committee have not felt at liberty to buy as freely as circumstances require, and the consequent wear and tear have been severe. To keep pace with this unavoidable deterioration the **Bookbinding Staff** has been augmented. This Department is organised on strictly business lines and to the advantage of the community.

An application from the Rating Authorities for rates on the Branch Libraries was submitted to the Registrar of Friendly Societies, who stated that in his opinion the original exemption granted for the Central Institution applied to any extension for similar service the Committee might undertake.

STRUCTURAL.

The exterior of the **Central Institution** has undergone considerable minor repairs and repainting under the Borough Surveyor, the work being primarily undertaken in **relief of unemployment**. Similar work has been carried out at the **Alvaston Branch Library,** and the clock there has been illuminated at the cost of the Chairman (Alderman Chambers).

From 1st May the **Central Reading Rooms** were thrown open to the Public **on Sundays** from 2.30 to 4.30 and 7 to 9 p.m., additional Sunday papers being supplied.

The changes in your Committee during the year included the resignation of Mr. Councillor Innes after a service exceeding 21 years. Mr. Stephen Laughton, Sub-Librarian, appointed in 1899, left in November last, and was replaced by Mr. Hudson, who had laboured so satisfactorily at the Branch Libraries. Mr. Ormerod was appointed from March last as Branch Librarian at the Peartree Branch, with Mr. Adcock in charge at Alvaston.

MUSEUM.

Additions to the **Museum Collections** have not been very numerous, as lack of space prevents any great development. A new wall-case has been installed, but the whole of this was immediately taken up by the needed expansion of the **British Birds Collection,** which now fills seven large cases. The most important work done during the year has been the re-classification of the exhibited series of British Birds, in the order of the list given in the British Museum (Nat. Hist.), " Guide to British Vertebrates." By kind permission of the Director of the Natural History Museum the " Guide " is used as an index to our own collections. Loans of duplicate specimens have from time to time been made to the Derby School of Art.

ART GALLERY.

Exhibitions :—	*Visitors.*
Autumn Exhibition of Modern Paintings .. .. 27th Oct.–16th Jan.	22,551
Derby Sketching Club, 28th Jan.–28th Feb. ..	15,624
Engraved Views of Derbyshire Scenery .. .. 9th Mar.–23rd May	30,953
Society of Graphic Art, 27th May–3rd July ..	7,955
Historical Water Colours, 16th July–9th Oct. ..	19,543
Total attendance for year ending 9th Oct., 1921 ..	104,279

The **Autumn Exhibition** was revived after a lapse of five years, and artists responded freely to invitations to exhibit, with the result that some interesting and beautiful paintings in oil and water colour were got together. The exhibition was opened on 27th October, 1920, by Lady Florence Duncombe, in the presence of a good attendance of visitors. In all, 247 works were exhibited, representing examples by many of our best-known living painters.

The **Derby Sketching Club** members continued their long series of annual exhibitions. In addition to over 200 works contributed by members, about 50 water colours by the late J. P. Wale (1860-1920), a former active member of the Club, were also exhibited. His Worship the Mayor (Alderman Dr. Laurie, J.P.), opened the exhibition on 28th January, 1921.

The Exhibition of **Engraved Views of Derbyshire** consisted of 200 examples taken from our own collection and temporarily framed. From many points of view the exhibition was of great interest. The print-collector, the lover of beautiful scenery, the antiquary, the rambler, and all who study ancient architecture, domestic or ecclesiastical, found among these prints items of extreme interest, depicting a county famous for its scenery and old buildings.

The **Society of Graphic Art,** founded in 1920 under the presidency of Mr. Frank Brangwyn, R.A., kindly lent about 250 works selected from their first exhibition, which was held in London in January, 1921. Examples were included of woodcuts, etchings, drypoints, mezzotints, aquatints, pencil, pen-and-ink, charcoal, chalk, lithographs, etc., forming a most valuable and interesting collection illustrating the manifold processes of pictorial art, apart from the use of colour. The thanks of the Committee are tendered to the Council of the Society for a most successful exhibition.

The **Historical Water-Colour Paintings** of the British School comprised 253 examples, selected and arranged to illustrate the rise and progress of the art in this country. This series forms

the first circulating collection from the Victoria and Albert Museum, to the authorities of which your Committee is indebted for the loan.

The **Permanent Collection** has received additions by gift and purchase, full particulars being given in the table which follows. The most interesting and valuable gift is that of a **Bronze Portrait Bust** of Miss Florence Nightingale, who, although born at Florence, was the daughter of a well-known Derbyshire family. The bust is a replica of an original in marble executed by Sir John Steell, R.S.A., in 1862, and now in the Royal United Services Institution. The donor, Mr. L. H. Shore Nightingale, is a member of the distinguished lady's family. The **Wright Collection** has been increased by gifts, purchases and transfers from the Bemrose collection, so that the gallery now has a fairly representative series of engraved reproductions of the **works of Joseph Wright,** A.R.A. (1734-1797), the most celebrated painter ever associated with Derby. The **Ceramic Collection** has received additions from the W. W. Simpson bequest through the good offices of the National Art Collections Fund. The pieces received included many types not already in the collections, such as Royal Copenhagen, Modern Worcester, Whieldon Ware, etc. While our Ceramic section is strong in English porcelain, notably so in Old Crown Derby, the pottery section is not at all representative, as will be understood from the fact that not a single specimen is included from the famous Derby pottery known as the **Cockpit Hill Potworks.** This is an excellent opportunity for some generous collector to help in filling a gap which ought not to exist.

Much work has been done in cleaning, varnishing, labelling and framing pictures in the Permanent Collection, but more remains to be done in the way of re-gilding many of our large frames, which means considerable expense.

Your Committee are happy to believe that much of the work in the supply of healthy and instructive literature, of uplifting art and natural science, which they have striven so long to extend, is now being accomplished, but they are fully conscious that much

remains to be done. The urgent necessity for the strictest economy still conditions their labours, and moderates their efforts for a yet wider service of the Institution under their charge.

They gladly acknowledge the care and capacity of their staff, and particularly the conscientious and painstaking labours of their chief officials, Mr. Walton and Mr. Williamson. Once more they take the opportunity of thanking the local press for uniformly courteous and helpful assistance in their notices of the Institution and its works.

On behalf of the Committee,

R. B. CHAMBERS,

Chairman.

13*th October*, 1921.

TABLE I.

	Lending Departments.					Central Library Stock.					
CLASS.	1 Number of Volumes in Library, Sept., 1920.	2 Volumes Lost and Paid for.	3 Volumes Totally Lost.	4 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out or obsolete.	5 Total.	Stock Reduced as per Column 5.	Number of Books Replaced.	Number of New Books.	Central Library Stock, September, 1921.	Total Increase or Decrease.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	2,594	1	..	275	276	2,318	2	30	2,350	–244	9·42
Law and Politics	478	..	..	35	35	443	..	13	456	–22	1·83
Natural History	698	..	..	..	..	698	..	8	706	+8	2·83
Poetry and Drama	890	..	..	1	1	889	..	11	900	+10	3·61
Theology and Philosophy .	1,309	..	..	..	..	1,309	..	32	1,341	+32	5·38
Light Literature	6,063	8	1	675	684	5,379	427	475	6,281	+218	25·19
Children's Department ..	2,238	10	..	266	276	1,962	209	164	2,335	+97	9·36
History, Travels, and Biography	7,951	..	..	..	..	7,951	..	90	8,041	+90	32·25
Miscellaneous	2,591	..	..	104	104	2,487	22	18	2,527	–64	10·13
Totals	24,812	19	1	1,356	1,376	23,436	660	841	24,937	+125	100·00

66 Books disinfected.

TABLE II.

Central Libraries. Lending Department.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days the Library was Open, the Total Volumes Issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days Open.	Science and Technology.	Fine and Applied Art.	Music.	Books for Blind.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscel-laneous.	Children's Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1920.															
October	24	252	65	215	9	19	107	61	131	9,303	416	507	3,798	14,883	620
November. ..	24	235	90	194	6	29	99	71	113	9,776	476	613	4,407	16,109	671
December . ..	21	168	69	149	4	31	51	53	111	8,596	462	530	3,877	14,101	671
1921.															
January	24	203	93	159	21	46	74	70	163	10,631	506	612	3,534	16,112	671
February.. ..	22	196	81	169	16	42	87	63	164	10,397	406	599	3,473	15,693	713
March	22½	212	94	190	16	46	76	64	143	11,192	469	638	3,374	16,514	733
April	24	213	88	148	12	43	128	58	165	10,604	493	540	3,185	15,677	653
May	22	197	72	137	7	35	85	54	127	9,185	451	453	2,765	13,568	616
June	23	207	63	126	..	30	61	70	123	9,180	392	406	2,708	13,366	581
July	24	155	55	130	22	22	47	64	131	8,880	344	431	2,380	12,661	527
August	23½	259	60	137	6	70	53	36	65	8,567	431	276	1,932	11,892	506
September ..	24	189	82	137	9	28	83	48	89	9,751	445	446	2,871	14,178	590
Totals ..	278	2,486	912	1,891	128	441	951	712	1,525	116,062	5,291	6,051	38,304	174,754	628

TABLE III.

Reference Department. Library Stock.

CLASS.	Number of Volumes in Library, September, 1920.	Additions during the Year.	Present Library Stock, September, 1921.
Arts and Sciences	3,531	51	3,582
Law and Politics..	391	19	410
Natural History	962	11	973
Poetry and Drama	182	1	183
Theology and Philosophy	357	3	360
Light Literature	67	..	67
History, Travels, Biography, etc.	2,215	21	2,236
Miscellaneous	2,150	2	2,152
Devonshire Library	1,591	10	1,601
Patent Library*	1,254	184	1,438
Totals	12,700	302	13,002

Pamphlets are not included in the above.

* Patents are received singly, and only *completed* volumes are here included.

TABLE IV.

Reference Department.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.	Number of Days Open.	Science and Technology.	Fine and Applied Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous	Patent Library.	Devonshire Library.	TOTAL.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1920.														
October.. ..	26	212	187	64	177	31	64	..	742	63	..	176	1,716	66
November ..	26	252	223	114	145	44	71	..	785	115	45	155	1,949	75
December ..	23½	203	178	36	136	24	117	..	606	28	130	103	1,561	66
1921.														
January.. ..	25	262	281	84	180	36	180	..	805	38	48	216	2,130	85
February ..	24	248	258	101	195	49	210	..	676	33	269	236	2,275	95
March	25	246	320	113	180	28	205	..	730	26	23	305	2,176	87
April	26	231	308	155	358	51	233	..	760	30	523	264	2,913	112
May	24	196	262	113	235	33	160	..	664	26	97	169	1,955	81
June	25	168	260	180	124	15	126	..	592	28	33	174	1,700	68
July	26	175	268	168	151	18	116	..	654	55	31	174	1,810	70
August	26	342	118	70	155	20	49	..	616	145	201	73	1,789	69
September ..	26	218	276	120	236	9	135	..	756	57	60	171	2,038	78
Totals ..	302½	2,753	2,939	1,318	2,272	358	1,666	..	8,386	644	1,460	2,216	24,012	79

TABLE V.

Branch Libraries: Stock.

CLASS.		1 Number of volumes in Libraries, Sept., 1920.	2 Number of volumes lost and paid for.	3 Volumes totally lost.	4 Volumes withdrawn as worn out or incomplete.	5 Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 5.	Number of New Books.	Stock, Sept., 1921.	Total Increase or Decrease.	Percentage of Books in each class.
General Works ..	A	4	..	..	..	..	4	10	14	+10	.26
	P	4	..	..	..	..	4	3	7	+3	.12
Philosophy	A	28	..	..	..	..	28	5	33	+5	.65
	P	33	..	..	..	..	33	5	38	+5	.66
Religion	A	110	..	..	..	..	110	23	133	+23	2.54
	P	114	..	..	..	..	114	17	131	+17	2.29
Sociology	A	121	..	..	..	..	121	24	145	+24	2.78
	P	132	..	..	..	..	132	32	164	+32	2.86
Philology	A	21	..	..	..	..	21	2	23	+2	.44
	P	16	..	..	..	..	16	5	21	+5	.36
Natural Science ..	A	193	..	..	..	..	193	36	229	+36	4.39
	P	147	..	..	..	..	147	54	201	+54	3.50
Useful Arts	A	63	..	..	..	..	63	25	88	+25	1.68
	P	61	..	..	..	..	61	31	92	+31	1.60
Fine Arts	A	173	..	..	..	..	173	9	182	+9	3.48
	P	78	..	..	..	..	78	21	99	+21	1.72
Literature	A	272	..	..	..	..	272	27	299	+27	5.73
	P	221	..	1	..	1	220	56	276	+55	4.81
History, Biography,	A	980	..	..	..	..	980	167	1,147	+167	21.98
Geography & Travel	P	567	..	..	..	..	567	198	765	+198	13.33
British and American	A	1,512	1	..	..	1	1,511	623	2,134	+622	40.89
Prose Fiction ..	P	1,521	1	6	14	21	1,500	941	2,441	+920	42.52
	A	756	..	..	..	..	756	36	792	+36	15.18
Children's Books ..	P	1,277	2	9	19	30	1,247	259	1,506	+229	26.23
TOTALS ..	A	4,233	1	..	..	1	4,232	987	5,219	+986	100.00
	P	4,171	3	16	33	52	4,119	1,622	5,741	+1,570	100.00

A—*Alvaston Branch.* P—*Peartree Branch.* 92 Books Disinfected.

TABLE VI.

Branch Libraries.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARIES WERE OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.		Number of days open.	General Works.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History, Biography and Travel.	British and American Prose Fiction.	Children's Books.	Total	Daily Average of volumes.
October 1920	A	24	..	3	3	6	3	30	31	39	32	43	1,844	1,361	3,395	141
	P	24	..	12	13	33	8	70	71	51	74	199	4,494	5,960	10,985	458
November ..	A	24	..	4	4	14	2	55	55	25	25	51	1,906	2,091	4,232	176
	P	24	1	11	11	41	7	72	73	44	67	201	4,817	5,875	11,220	467
December ..	A	21	..	2	2	6	2	42	43	19	22	56	1,728	1,674	3,596	171
	P	21	1	10	10	26	8	64	65	34	78	167	4,391	4,362	9,216	439
January 1921	A	24	..	5	6	3	4	40	41	21	37	62	21,28	1,897	4,244	177
	P	24	3	10	11	40	9	73	74	66	82	245	5,593	4,087	10,293	429
February ..	A	22	..	3	4	10	3	36	37	23	32	43	1,967	1,641	3,799	173
	P	22	2	12	12	30	10	72	73	65	96	182	5,458	3,508	9,520	433
March ..	A	22½	..	5	4	6	5	41	41	29	48	81	2,168	1,595	4,023	179
	P	22½	2	12	12	38	10	71	72	70	94	217	5,872	3,309	9,779	435
April ..	A	24	..	7	7	4	4	50	50	33	38	50	2,399	1,266	3,908	163
	P	24	3	12	14	34	11	71	72	59	88	194	5,592	2,751	8,901	371
May.. ..	A	22	..	1	1	3	6	36	36	21	54	51	2,144	1,039	3,392	154
	P	22	1	15	16	31	9	59	59	47	83	186	4,958	2,390	7,854	357
June ..	A	23	..	6	6	3	3	26	27	23	30	34	1,834	874	2,866	125
	P	23	2	8	8	25	7	44	45	47	67	229	5,244	2,506	8,232	358
July ..	A	24	..	4	4	3	3	14	15	19	33	39	1,972	711	2,817	117
	P	24	2	10	12	37	11	54	55	50	100	210	4,983	2,486	8,010	334
August ..	A	23½	..	3	3	1	3	18	19	23	34	68	2,135	554	2,861	122
	P	23½	3	11	11	40	10	56	57	43	95	177	5,271	2,247	8,021	341
September ..	A	24	..	4	3	8	3	34	33	27	34	65	2,306	846	3,363	140
	P	24	3	16	15	36	9	69	70	51	87	187	5,867	3,144	9,554	398
Totals ..	A	278	..	47	47	67	41	422	428	302	419	643	24,531	15,549	42,496	153
	P	278	23	139	145	411	109	775	786	627	1,011	2,394	62,540	42,625	111,585	401

A—*Alvaston Branch.* P—*Peartree Branch.*

TABLE VII.

General Summary.

Comparative Returns.

	1919–20.	1920–21.
Libraries—		
Total Books	45,916	48,899
Total Issues	243,437	352,847
Central Lending Library—		
Replacements	467	660
New Books	474	841
Total Books	24,812	24,937
Total Issues	181,531	174,754
Average Daily Issues	689	628
Alvaston Branch—		
Total Books	4,233	5,219
Total Issues	29,410*	42,496
Average Daily Issues	144	153
Peartree Branch—		
Total Books	4,171	5,741
Total Issues	15,441†	111,585
Average Daily Issues	359	401
Reference Library—		
New Books	198	302
Total Books	12,700	13,002
Total Issues	17,055	24,012
Average Daily Issues	59	79
Overdue Books written for	2,862	3,426
Books Re-bound, Repaired, etc. Central, 3,180; Alvaston, 1,129; Peartree, 1,731	3,473	6,040
New Borrowers—Male, 2,398; Female, 2,323	5,877	4,721
Total Borrowers.	15,000	19,721

* 9 months. † 8 weeks.

General Data.

Population (June, 1921)	129,816
Rateable Value (April, 1921)	£595,875
Library Stock	37.69 per cent. of Population

DERBY PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND MUSEUM.—Abstract of Accounts, Year ending March 31st, 1924.

	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward	6,006	9	5
Borough Rate Account—Estimated Deficiency...	3,290	0	0
Banker's Interest *less* Charges	190	10	2
Acknowledgments	0	4	6
	£ 9,487	4	1

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs and Painting to Premises				102	4	3
Salaries and Wages—						
Staff	1387	4	1			
Porters and Cleaners	163	0	6			
Library Account—				1,550	4	7
New Books	670	7	0			
Binding and Repairs	360	14	5			
Printing Catalogues, Tickets, etc.	52	19	9			
Subscriptions and Sundries	72	10	1			
Card Index Cabinets, Book Trolley, etc.	49	5	9			
	1,205	17	0			
Less Fines, etc. from Readers	90	16	8			
Reading and News Rooms —				1,115	0	4
Periodicals, Newspapers, etc.	162	1	7			
Less Sale of Old Periodicals, etc.	8	12	6			
Museum—				153	9	1
Insurance	12	10	5			
Mounting Specimens, Show Cases, etc.	52	0	6			
Cash Disbursements and Sundries	15	18	10			
Salaries and Wages	317	3	2			
Establishment Charges—				397	12	11
Fuel, Light, and Water...	342	16	9			
Rates and Insurance	83	11	5			
Printing, Stationery, and Postages	62	3	10			
Fittings, Repairs, etc.	77	2	7			
Telephone Rents...	12	7	3			
Uniforms...	7	6	3			
Cleaning Materials	19	9	10			
Carriage of Passengers on Tram Cars...	13	17	5			
Cash Disbursements and Sundries	31	3	11			
Cleansing Pavements	1	4	10			
Arboretum Reading Room—				651	4	1
Wages	77	13	9			
Fuel and Light	13	16	10			
Newspapers, Magazines, etc.	36	15	7			
Rent	10	0	0			
Sundries	1	12	4			
Fittings and Repairs and Painting	4	13	11			
	144	12	5			
Less Rents	20	0	0			
Pear Tree Branch—				124	12	5
Salaries and Wages	640	12	1			
Insurance	16	11	2			
Books, Newspapers, Magazines, etc.	214	15	4			
Printing, Advertising, etc.	15	3	1			
Fuel, Light, and Water...	69	11	2			
Fittings, Ironmongery, etc.	26	15	0			
Binding and Repairs	243	6	0			
Cash Disbursements and Sundries	22	13	1			
	1249	6	11			
Less Fines, etc. from Readers and Sale of Periodicals ...	80	14	11			
Alvaston Branch—				1,168	12	0
Salaries and Wages	331	12	2			
Insurance	12	18	9			
Fuel, Light, etc.	55	13	10			
Books, Newspapers and Magazines	91	5	2			
Printing, Advertising, etc.	11	2	1			
Binding and Repairs	96	4	5			
Trees and Seeds	2	14	9			
Fittings, Repairs, etc.	59	9	2			
Cash Disbursements and Sundries	9	9	4			
	670	9	8			
Less Fines, etc. from Readers, and Sale of Periodicals	20	13	0			
				649	16	8
Installation of Open Access System at Central Library—						
Contract—Alterations	940	0	0			
,, Bookstacks	845	10	0			
				1,785	10	0
Interest and Repayment of Loans				176	17	3
Balance in hand carried forward at March 31st, 1924...				1,612	0	6
				£ 9,487	4	1

DERBY CORPORATION ART GALLERY.—Abstract of Accounts, Year ending March 31st, 1921.

	£	s.	d.
Rents receivable	136	3	2
Banker's Interest..	6	10	10
Commission—Sales of Pictures.	1	19	0
Transferred from General District Fund	1,528	7	1
	£1,673	0	1

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages				591	16	9
Collection and Carriage of Pictures and Loan Exhibits				195	8	6
Establishment Charges—						
Fuel, Light, and Water	82	8	10			
Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	139	16	0			
Insurance and Rates	133	15	2			
Exhibits purchased	42	0	0			
Fittings, Repairs, etc.	20	0	2			
Cleaning Materials	12	19	11			
Uniforms	11	5	0			
Showcase, etc.	58	2	6			
Cash Disbursements and Sundries ..	43	17	10			
	544	5	5			
Less—Sale of Catalogues, etc. £ 37 s. 14 d. 6						
Insurance Claim—(Jewellery stolen).. 146 2 0						
	183	16	6			
				360	8	11
Repairs and Alterations to Premises ..				176	13	6
Interest on Loans				253	2	2
Repayment of Loans				94	9	3
Bankers' Charges				1	1	0
				£1,673	0	1

Donations to the Library.

Bibby & Son, Ltd., Messrs.—" Bibby's Annual, 1921."

British Academy.—" The Hittites, Schweich Lectures, 1918."

British Academy.—" Records of Social and Economic History, Schweich Lectures, 4v. 1913-17."

Canada, Supr. of Emigration.—" Canada, the Land of Opportunity," by F. W. Freir.

Carnegie United Kingdom Trust.—" Autobiography of Andrew Carnegie." " Seventh Annual Report of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust." " Proceedings of the Carnegie Rural Library Conference, 1920."

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.—" Epitome of the Purpose, Plans and Methods of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace."

Caxton Press, Ltd.—" Motionism," by Morris McCarthy.

Chambers, Alderman.—Clock for Interior of the Peartree Branch Library. Illumination of Clock, Alvaston Branch Library.

Chapman, F. W., Esq.—25 vols. Theology and Philosophy.

Cunard Steam Ship Co., Ltd.—" A Merchant Fleet at War," by A. Hurd. (3 copies).

Daimler Co., Ltd.—" Munitions of War, 1914-1918."

Derby Crown Glass Co., Ltd.—" Development of Various Types of Glass," by C. J. Peddle.

Dobbs, Mrs.—" Noel Dyson Williams—His Life and Letters."

Durham University.—" University Calendar, 1920-21."

Executors of the late Arthur Stanley Clarke.—" Songs of the Sussex Downs."

Fletcher, Miss.—" The Old Testament." (Braille type).

Institute of Chartered Accountants.—" List of Members, 1921."

Iron and Steel Institute.—" Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute," vols. cii. and ciii.

Kemp's Publishing Co.—" Kemp's Directory, 1921."

Library Reports, Catalogues, &c, from Aberdeen, Birmingham, Bootle, Bury, Buxton, Hornsey, Hyde, Ipswich, Lincoln, Middlesbrough, New York, Northampton, Norwich, Portsmouth, Rochdale, St. Annes-on-Sea, Salford, Shoreditch, Smethwick, Walthamstow.

London Daily Telegraph, Proprietors.—" Is it a New World? "

London Directory Co., Ltd.—" London Directory, 1921."

Lush, John, Esq., and **Lush, Miss.**—Sheaf of Ancient Letters of Local Interest.

McInnes, E., Esq.—14 bound volumes of the " Journal of the Royal Society of Arts."

Mason, Miss.—" Follow After," by G. Page.

Medical Officer of Health, Derby.—" Annual Report." (3 copies).

Mental Hospital, Derby.—" Thirty-first Annual Report."

Michelin Tyre Co.—Set of 12 vols., " Guides to the Battlefields."

Mundy, Mrs.—46 vols., mainly Examples of Early Binding and Printing.

Rawnsley, W. F., Esq.—" Early Days at Uppingham under Edward Thring."

Reed, Colonel.—" Great Irishmen in War and Politics," by F. Lavery.

Research Defence Society.—" Publications of the Research Defence Society, 1908-9."

Roe, Rt. Hon. Lord.—House of Commons' Reports (20 vols.) Derby Town Council Minutes (20 vols.) Education Authority Reports (18 vols.)

Salt, C. J.—" Discoveries in New Guinea."

Serbian Legation.—Books on the Near East (2 vols.)

Skegness, Medical Officer of Health.—" Report, 1920."

Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors.—" Year Book, 1921."

Sorby, Thos. C., Esq.—" The Harbour and City of Victoria, B.C."

South Africa, High Commissioner for.—" Handbook of Natal Province."

Stubbs Directories, Ltd.'—" Directory for 1921."

Surtees, Councillor.—" Journal of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, 1920-1921."

Taplin, A. B., Esq.—" Hypnotic Suggestion and Psycho-Therapeutics."

Tramways Department, Derby.—" Annual Report."

Trinity College of Music.—" Calendar, 1921."

Wharton, Hugh, Esq.—" Poems."

Widgery, A. G., Esq.—" Goods and Bads."

Wilkins, Alderman.—" The Derby Ram and Other Cartoons, 1868." " Various Books and Pamphlets," (2 vols.)

Zionist Organisation.—" Zionism." " England and Palestine." " Palestine." (3 vols.)

Additions to the Museum.

Australian White Hawk, male and female.—Purchased.

Brown Rat (*Mus norvegicus*), male and female.—Purchased.

Collection of Wax Impressions of Seals.—Given by Brig.-General Bemrose.

Case containing seven Lambs born at one birth, at Spondon, Derby, about 1860.—Given by Arthur Cox, Esq.

Crude Asbestos from Canada.—Given by T. H. Crabtree, Esq.

Figure of Hindu Goddess, carved in wood.—Given by T. H. Thorpe, Esq.

Medallion commemorative of Waterloo.—Given by Master W. Birkett.

Nest of Humming Bird.—Given by Master K. Hough.

Prehistoric Stone Implements (chiefly local).—Purchased.

Obsolete Scales for Weighing Bread.—Given by Mr. Brown.

Silver Twopenny-piece of Queen Elizabeth.—Given by Mr. Day.

Sixteenth-century Spur.—Purchased.

Tortoise-shell Butterfly (*V. polychloros*), taken at Egginton, near Derby (locally rare).—Given by the Rev. F. F. Key.

Additions to the Art Gallery.

Adderton, C.W., "Aberdaron Bay," (water colour).—Purchased.

Bentley, Alfred, R.E., "The Broken Bridge," (drypoint) —Purchased.

Brangwyn, Frank, R.A., "Street in St. Cirg-Lapopie," (etching). —Purchased.

Ceramics—31 pieces from the W. W. Simpson Bequest.

Deacon, A. O., "Landscape," (oil painting).—Given by S. Sherwin, Esq.

Moody, John C., "Ditching, Suffolk," (etching).—Purchased.

Portrait Bust of Florence Nightingale (1820-1910)—Bronze replica of the original marble bust by Sir John Steell, R.S.A., executed in 1862.—Given by L. H. Shore Nightingale.

Shannon, Charles, R.A., "The Mermaid," (lithograph). —Purchased.

Tushingham, A. R. E., "The Old Post-Office Yard, Falmouth," (etching). Purchased.

Wale, J. P., "Wallflowers," (water colour).—Given by the Artist's widow.

Wright, Joseph, A.R.A., (Wright of Derby), 1734-1797 :—

"Ruins on the Coast of Naples," (oil painting).—Given by Charles L. Bemrose, Esq.

Sepia Drawing, painted in 1750 when Wright was sixteen. —Purchased.

"The Lady in Milton's Comus," (mezzotint), by J. R. Smith. —Purchased.

"Miravan," (mezzotint), by Val Green.—Purchased.

Landscape, (water colour).—Purchased.

Landscape, (sepia drawing).—Purchased.

"Vesuvius in Eruption," (two chalk drawings).—Purchased.

"The Dead Soldier," (mezzotint), by W. Dickinson.—Bemrose Collection.

"The Dead Soldier," (line engraving), by J. Heath.—Bemrose Collection. Also unfinished plate.

"An Iron Forge," (mezzotint), by R. Earlom.—Bemrose Collection.

"A Farrier's Shop," (mezzotint), by W. Pether.—Bemrose Collection.

"The Gladiator," (mezzotint), by W. Pether.—Bemrose Collection.

"Shakespeare: Winter's Tale," (line engraving), by S. Middiman.—Bemrose Collection.

"The Captive," (stipple engraving), by Thomas Ryder.—Bemrose Collection.

"The Widow of an Indian Chief," (mezzotint), by J. R. Smith.—Bemrose Collection.

"Portrait of Sir Richard Arkwright," (mezzotint), by J. R. Smith.—Bemrose Collection.

LOANS.

Malam, Stanley, Esq.—Old Crown Derby Vase, 18-ins. high.

Price, Alfred, Esq.—Old Silhouette Picture.

Roe, Lord.—Two Portraits in oils.

Rogers, Mrs.—Five Pictures.

Society of Graphic Art.—Works by Members.

Victoria and Albert Museum.—Two cases containing Italian Maiolica and Hispano-Moresque Ware.
First Historical Series of British Water Colours.

Wood, G. W., Esq.—Oil painting by Wright of Derby.

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List of Committees and Officials.

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Director and Librarian.

Mr. W. H. Walton, F.L.A.

Curator.

Mr. F. Williamson.

Sub-Librarian.

Mr. Oswald C. Hudson, F.L.A.

Librarian in Charge of Peartree Branch.

Mr. James Ormerod, F.L.A.

Librarian in Charge of Alvaston Branch.

Mr. H. Adcock.

Clerk.

Miss E. J. Crowther.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF DERBY.

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

PUBLIC LIBRARIES, MUSEUM

— AND —

ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

THE Fifty-first Annual Report of your Committee, now submitted, gives further evidence of the constantly increasing services of the Institution under their charge, the issues of books having again advanced in all the lending departments, and showing a total increase of 36,014 volumes, with an increase of stock numbering 2,115 volumes.

CENTRAL LIBRARIES.

The **Statistical Tables** show that the **Central Lending Department,** though open five days fewer than last year, issued 19,769 volumes more, of which 7,651 volumes were in the **Children's Department** ; while satisfactory **increases** in science and technology, natural history and poetry, art and music, are revealed—gratifying evidence that the demand for informing as well as recreative reading steadily progresses. Your stock at present does not increase very considerably, for while over 700 new volumes have been added here almost an equal number have been worn out by legitimate use, and withdrawn during the past year.

On the **Reference Department** the demands have been approximately the same as last year, the figures given showing only

volumes required from the closed shelves ; but a large number of works, particularly in the Commercial Section, are consulted without formality of any kind, and this much appreciated service cannot be recorded in statistical form.

THE BRANCH LIBRARIES.

The services of the **Branch Libraries,** with their system of direct access for the public to the books **continue to expand,** the increased issues at the **Alvaston Branch** being 2,899, and at the **Peartree Branch** 14,183. This in spite of a fall in the Children's Sections of 4,873 and 7,575 issues respectively. If the children have not taken so many volumes home this year, they much appreciated their **commodious reading rooms,** which are crowded in the evenings, particularly during the winter months.

During the past winter months a series of over a dozen **illustrated lectures** by voluntary helpers on popular science, natural history and travel, were organised by your Committee, but the adult attendance was not considered sufficient to justify the cost of continuing the experiment during the coming session. The use of the lecture rooms has been granted on several occasions for lectures of an educational or informing character, arranged by responsible persons, on the usual conditions that such lectures are free to the public generally, and that no party or sectarian propaganda be permitted.

Your extensive library services necessitate a large amount of book repairing, and the year's statistics show that 6,833 volumes have passed through the **Bookbinding Department,** the prompt attention of which enables the volumes dealt with to be returned to the shelves with the minimum of absence.

STRUCTURAL AND GENERAL.

In continuation of the work undertaken primarily for relief of trade depression, the whole of the buildings under your Committee's control have now undergone **minor repairs and repainting,** and the frontages of the Branch Libraries been put in a satisfactory condition. Your Committee have a scheme for converting the

Central Lending Department system to **Open Access,** which had the approval of the Town Council at the October Meeting, and which it is hoped to carry into effect within the coming twelve months. This change, it is believed, will greatly facilitate the service of the public and reduce the occasional congestion, unavoidable under the existing system, and bring their old established Central Institution into line with the thoroughly up-to-date methods of the Branches.

It is also proposed at the same time to complete the scheme for shelving the books comprising the "Bemrose Library," a project long held up owing to the prevailing financial conditions. For this purpose the large book-stacks now in the Lending Department can be utilized, smaller cases being substituted there, so as to provide ready access to the books.

MUSEUM.

A number of interesting items have been added to the **Museum Collections** during the year, including a specimen of a **White-tailed Eagle** (*Haliaetus albicillus*), shot on Derwent Moors, Derbyshire, on 8th February, 1921. The shooting of this rare visitor to our neighbourhood was the subject of legal proceedings, and the court ordered the bird to be forfeited to this Museum, where it eventually arrived after some controversy. A series of exhibits has been prepared, introductory to the study of ornithology, consisting of typical heads and bills, dissected wings, skeleton of rook with bones named, mounted wood-pigeon with feather-areas named, etc. Other noteworthy additions are a pair of **Wild Cats** (*Felis sylvestris*), from Rossshire, which are very fine specimens. No exact figures can be given of the attendance to the Museum, but it is probably about one hundred thousand per annum.

ART GALLERY.

The policy of providing a number of short period **Exhibitions,** illustrating various phases of art, has again been followed by your Committee, and there is no doubt this policy meets with the approval of the public, as is shown by the record of attendances.

No fewer than **eight separate collections** have been shown, entailing a considerable amount of work on the staff in hanging and arranging. The thanks of the Committee are here tendered to all who have, by the loan of works of art, assisted in providing exhibitions of a high-class, which must have a beneficial influence on the general education of the community.

The **Autumn Exhibition** of Modern Paintings was held from 26th October to 8th January, being opened by the Right Hon. The Earl Ferrers, F.S.A., who gave an interesting address to an appreciative audience. This was the second open exhibition held since the war, and proved highly successful. A total of 346 works were exhibited, which included oil paintings, water colours, pastels, miniatures, etchings, and a few pieces of sculpture.

The members of the **Derby Sketching Club** held their Thirty-sixth Annual Exhibition in the Art Gallery, from the 3rd February to the 6th March. The attendance of visitors was well maintained, and the sale of pictures was satisfactory to the members.

The Exhibition of works by members of the **British Water Colour Society** contained some good drawings by many of the leading painters in this medium. It was opened on 10th March by L. Burleigh Bruhl, Esq., R.B.A., President of the Society.

The **Inlaid-Wood Panels** executed by Mr. A. J. Rowley, from designs by Frank Brangwyn, R.A., W. A. Chase, M. M. Livens, and others, proved very attractive, not only from the novelty of the work, but from the artistic effects produced by the use of woods of different colour and grain.

Three " one-man " shows were included in the programme for the year, namely, Thin-Oil Paintings by the late F. W. Hayes, which illustrated a rapid method of sketching in oils developed by this artist ; a miscellaneous collection of works by the late Walter Crane, R.W.S., which included water-colours, oil sketches, book-illustrations, designs, etc. ; and a collection of etchings by the late Sir Francis Seymour Haden, P.R.E., whose father and grandfather were born in Derby. This latter collection was lent by the kindness of the Birkenhead Art Gallery Committee.

An Exhibition which attracted considerable attention was that of drawings and engravings executed by children in the **Vienna Municipal School of Art.** The work of these children presented an entirely different outlook from that of English children of corresponding age, characterised by a sense of design, imagination and a feeling for colour, which Professor Cizek, who is responsible for their training, attributes to his method by which he avoids repressing individuality, or giving his pupils a bias in any particular direction.

Additions to the **Permanent Collection,** while not very numerous include several items of special local interest. Among these is a sepia drawing by Wright of Derby, a preliminary sketch for his important oil painting "The Alchymist," which has for many years been in our possession. Besides showing how Wright developed his subjects, additional value arises from the fact that on the back of the sketch is a letter from Wright's friend, Mr. P. P. Burdett, dated Liverpool, 4th February, 1771, in reply to a request from the painter for information about the scientific apparatus depicted in the picture. The **Ceramic Section** continues to grow by gifts and bequests, but in the absence of a fund for purchasing objects, growth is not as symmetrical as it should be. A full list of acquisitions is appended.

ATTENDANCE AT EXHIBITIONS.

	VISITORS.
Autumn Exhibition of Modern Paintings, 26th October —8th January	16,505
Derby Sketching Club, 3rd February—5th March ..	12,011
British Water-Colour Society, 10th March—7th May	—
Inlaid-Wood Panels, 10th March—22nd April ..	16,300
Thin-oils by F. W. Hayes, 12th May—11th June ..	4,580
Works by Walter Crane, 16th June—22nd July ..	
Vienna School-children's Work, 1st July—16th July	10,743
Etchings of Sir F. S. Haden, P.R.E., 22nd July—1st October	15,660
Total attendance, year ending 8th October, 1922 ..	79,736

NOTE.—The above figures are probably much below the actual, as only the least used of two entrances is provided with a recording turnstile.

COMMITTEE AND STAFF.

Your Committee record with regret the loss by death of their colleague, the late Councillor Charles Turner, who took a sincere and active interest in the work of the Institution ; and of the late Mr. H. M. Hobson, whose helpful advice, particularly on literary matters, was invaluable, and worthily sustained the fine traditions established by his late father, the first Chairman of this Committee. Your staff are unchanged, except that in accord with your general instructions a male attendant has replaced the late Caretaker at the Rosehill Reading Room. The conscientious work of the staff, and particularly of the chief officials, is gladly acknowledged, and the Committee note with satisfaction their successes in the technical examinations of the Library Association. The Press is thanked for their courteous and helpful interest in the Institution.

On behalf of the Committee,

R. B. CHAMBERS,

Chairman.

TABLE I.

Lending Departments.						Central Library Stock.					
CLASS.	1 Number of Volumes in Library, Sept., 1921.	2 Volumes Lost and Paid for.	3 Volumes Totally Lost.	4 Volumes Withdrawn as worn out or obsolete.	5 Total.	Stock Reduced as per Column 5.	Number of Books Replaced.	Number of New Books.	Central Library Stock, September, 1922.	Total Increase or Decrease.	Percentage of Books in each Class.
Arts and Sciences	2,350	1	..	3	4	2,346	2	122	2,470	+120	9·8
Law and Politics	456	..	..	..	..	456	..	35	491	+35	2·1
Natural History	706	..	..	..	..	706	..	..	706	..	2·7
Poetry and Drama	900	..	..	..	..	900	..	19	919	+19	3·6
Theology and Philosophy .	1,341	..	..	..	..	1,341	..	22	1,363	+22	5·5
Light Literature	6,281	8	1	339	348	5,933	35	103	6,071	−210	24·4
Children's Department ..	2,335	2	7	275	284	2,051	..	290	2,341	+6	9·4
History, Travels, and Biography	8,041	1	..	1	2	8,039	..	46	8,085	+44	32·3
Miscellaneous	2,527	..	..	52	52	2,475	..	63	2,538	+11	10·2
Totals	24,937	12	8	670	690	24,247	37	700	24,984	+47	100·0

216 Books disinfected.

TABLE II.

Central Libraries. Lending Department.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days the Library was Open, the Total Volumes Issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days Open.	Science and Technology.	Fine and Applied Art.	Music.	Books for Blind.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous.	Children's Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1921.															
October	24	353	112	215	12	32	94	74	149	11,859	486	529	3,974	17,889	745·3
November. ..	23½	245	119	197	10	31	89	52	111	11,188	444	546	4,137	17,169	730·5
December . ..	22	220	85	252	5	28	60	48	131	10,773	422	512	4,138	16,674	757·9
1922.															
January	24	263	143.	230	4	36	70	53	135	12,219	506	551	4,163	18,373	765·5
February.. ..	22	275	142	235	12	37	89	59	125	11,617	451	517	4,343	17,902	813·7
March	24½	298	102	237	17	26	68	72	187	12,735	464	530	5,126	19,862	810·6
April	21	197	95	189	11	38	60	54	136	11,253	438	472	3,873	16,816	800·7
May	24½	209	87	178	6	30	64	47	134	10,024	377	410	3,996	15,562	635·1
June*	16½	165	54	136	5	19	53	49	96	7,155	257	258	2,381	10,628	644·1
July	24	232	80	167	18	33	67	52	162	9,693	343	313	3,386	14,546	606·1
August	23½	241	83	154	22	48	52	71	171	9,665	335	284	2,525	13,651	557·4
September ..	24	264	122	162	3	66	68	73	130	9,990	406	254	3,913	15,451	643·8
Totals ..	273½	2,962	1,224	2,352	125	424	834	704	1,667	128,171	4,929	5,176	45,955	194,523	711·2

*Closed for Stocktaking, June 19th to 24th.

TABLE III.

Reference Department. Library Stock.

CLASS.	Number of Volumes in Library, September, 1921.	Additions during the Year.	Present Library Stock, September, 1922.
Arts and Sciences	3,582	67	3,649
Law and Politics..	410	61	471
Natural History	973	33	1,006
Poetry and Drama	183	9	192
Theology and Philosophy	360	4	364
Light Literature	67	..	67
History, Travels, Biography, etc.	2,236	74	2,310
Miscellaneous	2,152	50	2,202
Devonshire Library	1,601	46	1,647
Patent Library*	1,438	176	1,614
Totals	13,002	520	13,522

Pamphlets are not included in the above.

* Patents are received singly, and only *completed* volumes are here included.

TABLE IV.

Reference Department.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days the Library was Open, the Total Volumes Issued, and the Daily Average.

MONTH.	Number of Days Open.	Science and Technology.	Fine and Applied Art.	Politics and Commerce.	Natural History.	Theology and Philosophy.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Miscellaneous	Patent Library.	Devonshire Library.	Total.	Daily Average of Volumes.
1921.														
October.. ..	26	219	285	176	192	15	128	..	736	48	45	206	2,050	78·8
November ..	26	172	240	159	140	18	134	..	736	37	194	130	1,960	75·3
December ..	23½	183	219	122	130	21	127	..	640	29	110	164	1,745	74·2
1922.														
January.. ..	26	165	199	157	98	21	137	..	730	35	254	138	1,934	74·3
February ..	24	166	230	149	96	24	110	..	628	50	130	141	1,724	71·8
March	27	218	250	171	111	18	139	..	783	35	84	185	1,994	73·8
April	23	162	216	161	120	25	109	..	621	40	114	159	1,727	75·0
May	27	196	228	172	175	32	108	..	685	46	64	137	1,843	68·2
June*	18	154	206	115	105	20	112	..	506	25	235	195	1,673	92·9
July	26	227	248	178	115	18	126	..	671	32	73	239	1,927	74·1
August	26	216	279	172	119	51	128	..	803	122	170	271	2,331	89·6
September ..	26	284	210	147	124	50	107	..	857	294	68	126	2,267	87·1
Totals ..	298½	2,362	2,810	1,879	1,525	313	1,465	..	8,396	793	1,541	2,091	23,175	78·6

* Closed for Stocktaking, June 19th to 24th.

TABLE V.

Branch Libraries: Stock.

CLASS.		1 Number of volumes in Libraries, Sept., 1921.	2 Number of volumes lost and paid for.	3 Volumes totally lost.	4 Volumes withdrawn as worn out or incomplete.	5 Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 5.	Number of New Books.	Stock, Sept., 1922.	Total Increase or Decrease.	Percentage of Books in each class.
General Works ..	A	14	..	..	..	..	14	2	16	+2	.3
	P	7	..	..	..	..	7	2	9	+2	.13
Philosophy	A	33	..	..	..	..	33	..	33	..	.6
	P	38	..	..	..	..	38	18	56	+18	.79
Religion	A	133	..	..	..	..	133	2	135	+2	2.50
	P	131	..	..	..	..	131	25	156	+25	2.19
Sociology	A	145	..	..	..	..	145	3	148	+3	2.73
	P	164	..	..	..	..	164	31	195	+31	2.74
Philology	A	23	..	..	..	..	23	2	25	+2	.46
	P	21	..	..	..	..	21	1	22	+1	.31
Natural Science ..	A	229	..	..	..	..	229	6	235	+6	4.35
	P	201	..	..	..	..	201	24	225	+24	3.16
Useful Arts	A	88	..	1	..	1	87	31	118	+30	2.2
	P	92	..	..	..	..	92	20	112	+20	1.57
Fine Arts	A	182	..	..	..	..	182	2	184	+2	3.41
	P	99	..	1	..	1	98	22	120	+21	1.69
Literature	A	299	..	..	..	..	299	11	310	+11	5.74
	P	276	..	..	1	1	275	82	357	+81	5.02
History, Biography,	A	1,147	..	..	..	..	1,147	29	1,176	+29	21.80
Geography & Travel	P	765	..	..	1	1	764	144	908	+143	12.76
British and American	A	2,134	3	..	20	23	2,111	178	2,289	+155	42.45
Prose Fiction ..	P	2,441	2	10	198	210	2,231	1,128	3,359	+918	47.22
	A	792	..	..	67	67	725	..	725	—67	13.44
Children's Books ..	P	1,506	1	4	107	112	1,394	201	1,595	+89	22.42
TOTALS ..	A	5,219	3	1	87	91	5,128	266	5,394	+175	100.00
	P	5,741	3	15	307	325	5,416	1,698	7,114	+1,373	100.00

A—*Alvaston Branch.* P—*Peartree Branch.* 123 Books Disinfected.

TABLE VI.

Branch Libraries.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LIBRARIES WERE OPEN, THE TOTAL VOLUMES ISSUED, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE.

MONTH.		Number of days open.	General Works.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History, Biography and Travel.	British and American Prose Fiction.	Children's Books.	Total	Daily Average of volumes.
October 1921	A	24	..	3	17	4	3	46	57	27	41	102	2,685	1,233	4,218	175
	P	24	2	12	25	46	3	89	104	59	118	305	6,847	4,014	11,624	484
November ..	A	23½	1	2	8	5	..	45	54	22	46	122	2,652	1,327	4,284	182
	P	23½	4	9	25	57	3	94	121	64	129	393	6,609	3,773	11,241	478
December ..	A	22	3	1	10	8	1	39	51	26	51	95	2,665	1,100	4,050	183
	P	22	..	9	16	50	10	72	115	54	112	366	6,568	3,244	10,616	482
January 1922	A	24	6	1	12	9	2	52	49	37	74	120	3,124	1,115	4,601	190
	P	24	..	2	24	40	8	80	96	65	120	363	7,226	3,356	11,380	474
February ..	A	22	4	..	8	7	..	38	67	49	74	137	2,890	1,159	4,433	201
	P	22	1	5	15	38	3	74	103	75	118	302	7,049	3,361	11,144	507
March ..	A	24½	4	2	8	15	..	38	46	40	92	113	3,086	1,174	4,618	188
	P	24½	..	5	34	43	5	83	87	75	155	307	7,927	3,464	12,185	497
April ..	A	21	4	..	8	6	4	37	36	28	48	114	2,715	835	3,835	182
	P	21	1	6	20	28	4	80	81	71	114	263	7,254	2,617	10,539	501
May.. ..	A	24½	2	3	9	6	..	31	42	26	48	76	2,399	627	3,269	134
	P	24½	3	9	14	29	4	64	94	42	119	229	6,494	2,477	9,578	391
June ..	A	22	..	6	12	7	1	23	28	18	61	55	2,343	423	2,977	135
	P	22	..	5	23	30	1	55	74	35	95	198	6,248	2,031	8,795	400
July ..	A	24	..	4	14	10	..	20	32	35	56	53	2,343	462	3,029	126
	P	24	2	10	17	26	2	40	86	33	117	200	6,643	2,282	9,458	394
August ..	A	23½	..	1	5	7	1	20	36	26	36	47	2,052	304	2,535	108
	P	23½	1	8	21	27	2	39	77	53	123	175	6,543	1,898	8,967	382
September ..	A	24	..	6	6	2	..	25	34	21	45	58	2,432	917	3,546	148
	P	24	2	7	32	25	4	78	94	60	135	194	7,037	2,573	10,241	426
Totals ..	A	279	24	29	117	86	12	414	532	355	672	1,092	31,386	10,676	45,395	162
	P	279	16	87	266	439	49	848	1,132	686	1,455	3,295	82,445	35,050	125,768	450

A—*Alvaston Branch.* P—*Peartree Branch.*

TABLE VII.

General Summary.

Comparative Returns.

	1920–21.	1921–22.
Libraries—		
Total Books	48,899	51,014
Total Issues	352,847	388,861
Central Lending Library—		
Replacements	660	37
New Books	841	700
Total Books	24,937	24,984
Total Issues	174,754	194,523
Average Daily Issues	628	711.2
Alvaston Branch—		
Total Books	5,219	5,394
Total Issues	42,496	45,395
Average Daily Issues	153	162
Peartree Branch—		
Total Books	5,741	7,114
Total Issues	111,585	125,768
Average Daily Issues	401	450
Reference Library—		
New Books	302	520
Total Books	13,002	13,522
Total Issues	24,012	23,175
Average Daily Issues	79	77
Overdue Books written for	3,426	4,181
Books Re-bound, Repaired, etc. Central, 2,478; Alvaston, 519; Peartree, 3,836	6,040	6,833
New Borrowers—Male, 1,506; Female, 1,648	4,721	3,154
Total Borrowers (allowing for resignations)	19,721	22,671

General Data.

Population (June, 1921)	131,800
Rateable Value (April, 1922)	£599,034
Library Stock	38.70 per cent. of Population

DERBY CORPORATION ART GALLERY.—Abstract of Accounts, Year ending March 31st, 1922.

	£	s.	d.
Rents receivable	163	8	1
Banker's Interest..	10	14	0
Commission—Sales of Pictures	4	4	6
Transferred from General District Fund	1,606	4	3
	£1,784	10	10

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages				647	0	8
Collection and Carriage of Pictures and Loan Exhibits				172	17	3
Establishment Charges—						
Fuel, Light, and Water	65	19	10			
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, and Postages	86	5	9			
Insurance and Rates	138	5	8			
Exhibits purchased	29	0	0			
Fittings, Repairs, etc.	97	13	11			
Cleaning Materials	6	18	1			
Uniforms	3	14	6			
Cash Disbursements and Sundries ..	32	14	5			
Cleansing Pavements	0	16	3			
	461	8	5			
Less—Sale of Catalogues, etc. ..	13	18	0			
				447	10	5
Repairs and Alterations to Premises ..				174	6	7
Interest on Loans				244	11	7
Repayment of Loans				97	6	0
Bankers' Charges				0	18	4
				£1,784	10	10

DERBY PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND MUSEUM.—Abstract of Accounts, Year ending March 31st, 1925.

	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward ...	1,612	0	6
Borough Rate Account—Deficiency for year ...	6,014	7	1
Banker's Interest *less* Charges ..	77	16	4
Acknowledgments ..	0	1	6
	£ 7,704	8	5

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Repairs and Painting to Premises ...		47 10 9
Salaries and Wages—		
Staff ...	1,502 9 6	
Porters and Cleaners ...	172 0 3	
		1,674 9 9
Library Account—		
New Books ...	686 17 4	
Binding and Repairs ...	340 19 4	
Printing Catalogues, Tickets, etc. ...	59 10 5	
Subscriptions and Sundries ...	82 5 2	
Card Index Cabinets ...	31 9 11	
	1,201 2 2	
Less Fines, etc. from Readers ...	159 2 3	
		1,041 19 11
Reading and News Rooms —		
Periodicals, Newspapers, etc. ...	263 9 2	
Less Sale of Old Periodicals, etc. ...	7 10 0	
		255 19 2
Museum—		
Insurance ...	8 10 0	
Specimens, Show Cases, etc. ...	25 7 10	
Cash Disbursements and Sundries ...	25 6 1	
Salaries and Wages ...	353 17 0	
		413 0 11
Establishment Charges—		
Fuel, Light, and Water...	337 3 2	
Rates and Insurance ...	53 8 3	
Printing, Stationery, and Postages ...	83 15 3	
Fittings, Repairs, etc. ...	48 14 0	
Telephone Rents...	11 9 0	
Uniforms...	5 1 0	
Cleaning Materials ...	24 17 10	
Carriage of Passengers on Tram Cars...	2 19 5	
Cash Disbursements and Sundries ...	36 12 11	
Cleansing Pavements ...	1 6 0	
		605 6 10
Arboretum Reading Room—		
Wages ...	59 7 4	
Fuel and Light ...	16 8 11	
Newspapers, Magazines, etc. ...	35 8 5	
Rent ...	10 0 0	
Sundries ...	2 2 4	
	123 7 0	
Less Rents ...	20 0 0	
		103 7 0
Pear Tree Branch—		
Salaries and Wages ...	502 4 11	
Insurance ...	17 2 8	
Books, Newspapers, Magazines, etc. ...	150 7 6	
Printing, Advertising, etc. ...	16 13 3	
Fuel, Light, and Water...	82 1 2	
Fittings, Ironmougery, etc. ...	25 15 1	
Binding and Repairs ...	246 7 2	
Cash Disbursements and Sundries ...	18 1 1	
Repairs ...	12 16 1	
	1,071 8 11	
Less Fines, etc. from Readers and Sale of Periodicals ...	63 1 2	
		1,008 7 9
Alvaston Branch—		
Salaries and Wages ...	327 3 8	
Insurance ...	12 16 7	
Fuel, Light, etc ...	69 5 6	
Books, Newspapers and Magazines ...	137 17 8	
Printing, Advertising, etc ...	7 16 3	
Binding and Repairs ...	75 3 8	
Cleaning Materials ...	9 9 6	
Fittings, Repairs, etc. ...	27 14 10	
Cash Disbursements and Sundries ...	6 7 0	
	673 14 8	
Less Fines, etc. from Readers, and Sale of Periodicals	20 16 7	
		652 18 1
Installation of Open-Access System at Central Library—		
Contract—Alterations ...	100 11 5	
,, Bookstacks ...	18 12 8	
		119 4 1
Interest and Repayment of Loans ...		170 3 8
Balance in hand carried forward at March 31st, 1925...		1,612 0 6
		£ 7,704 8 5

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Additions to the Museum.

Old Powder Flasks (2).—Purchased.

Old Scales for Weighing Gold Coins.—Purchased.

Old Tinder-light in Pistol form.—Purchased.

" Mosaicon " Work.—Brig.-Gen. W. W. Bemrose.

Pipe of Peace, North American Indian ; Ivory False-teeth.—T. W. F. Rowney, Esq.

Wooden Whistle left by Prince Charlie's Men at a Farm at Reddish in 1745.—Mr. Travers.

Flint Arrow-head, North America.—J. Garfield Smith, Esq.

Neolithic Stone Celt from River Trent, at Sawley Wharf, Derbyshire.—Purchased.

Medals : 1914–1915 Star ; British War Medal ; British Victory Medal.—Purchased.

Medals : Jubilee of Queen Victoria, 1887, Derby ; Opening of Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, 1891 ; Royal Agricultural Society, Derby, 1906 ; Coronation of George V.—T. A. Scotton, Esq.

Medal : Coronation of George V., Derby, 1911.—Miss E. J. Crowther.

Medal : Winter's Fine Art Exhibition, Derby, 1888.—Purchased.

Roman Coins, etc., found at Strutt's Park, Derby.—H. W. Gilbert, Esq.

Roman Silver Denarius, found at Little Chester.—W. E. Wildgoose., Esq.

Brass Weight for Weighing Gold Coins.—E. Monk, Esq.

Medal Ribbons (134).—Purchased.

Wings of Mallard, dissected.—Purchased.

Australian Lemon-crested Cockatoo.—Mrs. E. Dawson.

White-tailed Eagle (*Haliaetus albicillus, Linn.*). Shot on Derwent Moor, Derbyshire, 8th February, 1921.

Black Rat, caught at Derby, 1921.—Purchased.

House-sparrow with light-coloured head. Chellaston, 1922. H. R. Forman, Esq.

Wild Cat (*Felis sylvestris, Schreb.*), male and female, Rosshire, 1922.—Purchased.

Hippopotamus Tusks.—R. W. Birdsey, Esq.

Australian Birds (16 skins).—J. T. Hextall, Esq.

Heads and Skulls of Big Game, etc.—Mrs. C. Herbert-Stepney.

Tarantula Spider, California.—C. J. Ward Close, Esq.

Lapwing and Young.—Purchased.

Birds, British and Foreign (in case) ; Box of Fossils.—Dr. Helen Greene.

Sacred Egyptian Beetle.—W. H. Foulkes, Esq.

Additions to the Art Gallery.

Calderon, W. Frank, " The Blue Hussar " (oil painting)

Sidney Herbert, " Miss Decima Moore as Cassilda in *The Gondoliers* " (oil painting).—Bequeathed by Mrs. Mary Shuttleworth Boden.

Wright, Joseph, A.R.A., Sepia Sketch for *The Alchymist*, with letter on back by P. P. Burdett, dated 4th February, 1771.—H. Cheney Bemrose, Esq.

Elton Ware (6 pieces).—Bequeathed by Sir Edmund Harry Elton, Bt.

Spode Earthenware Flask in shape of potatoe.—T. H. Thorpe,Esq.

Stone-ware Posset-pot and Tobacco-pipe in form of snake.—Purchased.

Chelsea–Derby Porcelain (109 pieces).—Bequeathed by Sidney Arthur Erwood, Esq.

Derby Porcelain : Figure of " Sleeping Endymion," after Canova, at Chatsworth, by Robert Blore ; Figures (2), " Mary " and " Samuel," by Robert Blore.—R. W. Blore, Esq.

Middlesbrough Pottery : Two-handled vase, decorated by E. Hopkinson, of Derby ; Two Busts by Robert Blore, of Derby. —R. W. Blore, Esq.

Needlework : Map of England, 1821 ; Floral Design.—Mrs. Georgina Winfield.

LOANS.

J. Cutts, Esq.—Oil painting attributed to Guido Reni.

Miss M. M. Chappell.—Miniature Portraits (9) ; 16 Pieces of Pottery.

C. J. Ward Close, Esq.—Head of Indian Bison.

Birkenhead Art Gallery Committee.—Etchings by Sir Francis Seymour Haden.

C. E. Evans, Esq.—Set of Cantonese Chessmen.

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